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PETROL PRICES HIKED FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE DAY

The Oil Marketing Companies increased the price of petrol in metros for the sixth consecutive day on Tuesday

DIESEL PRICES UNCHANGED SINCE JULY 30

According to the IndianOil website, petrol prices in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai increased to ₹81.73, ₹83.24, ₹88.39, ₹84.73 per litre respectively. The prices in Bengaluru and Hyderabad were ₹84.39 and ₹84.94 on Tuesday respectively. Meanwhile, diesel prices have stayed the same across all metros since July 30

PRICE HIKE ON NINE OF THE LAST 10 DAYS

- Oil companies started raising petrol prices on August 16 after a 47-day pause. Prices have gone up on nine of the 10 days since
- International crude prices rose on Tuesday as storms headed for the Gulf of Mexico shut over half of the region's offshore production on Monday. Brent rose by 1.86% to $45.97 a barrel

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IS HOW MUCH THE PETROL PRICES HAVE GONE UP IN DELHI SINCE AUGUST 16

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TAKING STOCK OF DAMAGE

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa undertakes an aerial survey of flood-affected areas of North Karnataka on Tuesday. Heavy rains, which lashed the region over the past few weeks, have caused large-scale destruction. | EXPRESS | REPORT: P3

Bhushan: SC reserves verdict on punishment

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday reserved its verdict on the quantum of punishment to be awarded to activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan in the *suo motu* contempt of court case for his tweets against the judiciary. The apex court had, on August 14, held Bhushan guilty of contempt for his tweets.

During the hearing, a three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra asked Attorney General K K Venugopal for his opinion on the quantum of punishment. The A-G submitted that Bhushan should be let off with a warning, telling him not to repeat this in future.

An unconvinced Justice Mishra replied, "If a person says he didn't make a mistake and he won't apologise for it despite repeated opportunities, what will be the purpose of saying 'don't do it again'? It is not about us or him. It is about the institution, after all." He added that it was painful for him to decide the case days before he is due to demit office on September 2.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, representing Bhushan, reminded Justice Mishra that as a judge of the Calcutta High Court, he had let go of Mamata Banerjee after she said all judges were corrupt. P9

CONGRESS TO ADDRESS VETERANS' CONCERNS

Senior leaders who wrote to Sonia say they did so in the interest of the party ● Revamp of AICC, restructuring of state units on cards

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

EVEN though none of the issues raised by 23 senior party leaders in their letter to Congress boss Sonia Gandhi was discussed at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Monday, their concerns are likely to be addressed, sources said. The All India Congress Committee (AICC) could soon see organisational changes with a reshuffle planned in many states.

Party sources said the restructuring of state units has already started, while a thorough revamp of the AICC is on the cards.

The coming weeks could see a reshuffle of general secretaries and state in-charges. According to sources, Jharkhand in-charge R P N Singh, Punjab in-charge Asha Kumari, and Chhattisgarh in-charge P L Punia will either be moved to other states or relieved of their responsibilities.

A few fresh faces are also likely to be inducted in the top team, while young leaders may be given organisational posts. The changes, however, are planned in a phased manner.

Meanwhile, members of the group who sent the letter on Tuesday said they cannot be termed 'dissenters', as their intention was only to strengthen the party.

Congress Working Committee member Anand Sharma said the letter was written in the best interest of the party. "India needs a strong opposition to confront the BJP. Suggestions for the party's renewal made in sincerity are not dissent," he tweeted. Echoing similar views, Rajya Sabha MP Vivek Tankha, one of the signatories, said, "The letter was not a challenge to leadership, but a parchment of action to strengthen the party".

Senior leader Kapil Sibal, who on Monday took exception to insinuations that the letter was written at the behest of the BJP, tweeted on Tuesday, "It's not about a post. It's about my country which matters the most".

Moily: Intention is to keep the party battle-ready

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

THE intention behind writing a letter calling to strengthen the party was to ensure that the Congress is battle-ready to take on the BJP in the 2024 polls and not to question the party leadership, senior Congress leader and former Karnataka CM M Veerappa Moily told *TNIE*.

Moily, who was among the 23 leaders who are signatories to the letter, said their plea was not against the leadership as they all have absolute faith in Sonia Gandhi.

"Sonia has been successful in leading the party to victory in the 2004 and 2009 elections. She has been successful in managing alliance partners and taking the party forward. Now, that has to be taken forward and Sonia Gandhi's leadership is always required," he stressed.

DETAILED REPORT: P3

BUY 'N' MUNCH

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KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

The state witnessed a sudden spike in Covid-19 cases on Tuesday with **8,161** testing positive, compared to the last two days when there was a mild dip, with around 5,000 testing positive daily. However, experts say it is too early to say if we are nearing the peak or have already reached it.

■ KPCC president D K Shivakumar tests positive, hospitalised

State sees **148** fatalities on Tuesday, even as Bengaluru Urban district reports **2,294** positive cases

14 newborns in Vani Vilas Hospital contract virus from mothers

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WEATHER WATCH
MIN 22°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.34 pm
Moonrise 12.57 am
Moonset 12.00 pm

RELEASING SHORTLY

NOW ON, IT'S KHUL JAA SIM SIM...

Govt awaits Unlock 5.0 norms, to issue guidelines on watering holes, colleges soon

Pop the bubbly! Pubs, bars likely to open Sept 1

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

PUBS and bars are likely to open next month in Karnataka, highly-placed sources told The New Indian Express. According to an official source, while the State government is keen on opening pubs and bars, it is "waiting for the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines on Unlock 5.0, which are expected this week".

The Excise Commissioner is likely to present a proposal for reopening of pubs and bars to the government this week, the officer said.

Confirming this, Excise Minister H Nagesh told TNIE, "We will approach the government to give us conditional permission to open over 5,000 establishments – bars, pubs and clubs – across the state from September 1. We need the Union government to relax norms."

"Establishments approached us, saying they would take all necessary precautions before they reopen. But we would like to give them the necessary guidelines, and arrange for ways to sensitise staff to Covid challenges. We have to ensure that all precautions are taken. I will be taking up the issue of reopening with the government," the minister said.

Additional Chief Secretary ISN Prasad said a few states recently allowed serving of liquor in bars and restaurants. "We are examining it, no decision has been taken yet," he said.

"Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana and Delhi have allowed serving of liquor in licensed restaurants and hotels, with some caveats. The state excise department has gone through the order copies of these states and Delhi, which have also laid down strict guidelines and standard operating procedures for Covid-19, while rebooting the liquor business," an officer said.

Asked about the revenue it would generate, he said, "About 50 per cent of the total revenue comes from them." The revenue they need to earn from them is about Rs 34 crore per day, which is a substantial component.

Vacation over, it's back to college from October 1

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH there is no official order yet, the office of Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan confirmed on Tuesday that colleges would begin offline classes from October 1. Dr Narayan is also Minister for Higher Education.

However, online classes are scheduled to start from September 1. This comes in the midst of admission processes and entrance examinations for various schools and colleges.

Though there is no word that offline classes for schools will also begin on October 1, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar stated that "the government will follow the Union government's decision in this regard".

Meanwhile, Karnataka State Law University has come under sharp criticism by the student community and even former CM Siddaramaiah for deciding to hold examinations for all semesters. The government had asked educational institutes that came under its purview to hold exams only for final semester students.

As per sources, the university is following the dates decided by the law department and Bar, and does not come under purview of the state government.

New deadline for SSLC supplementary exams fee

Bengaluru: Following a demand by parents and students, the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has extended the deadline for payment of fee for SSLC supplementary examination (CCERR, CCEPR, NSR and NSPR), albeit with a fine. Students have been directed to pay the exam fee by August 28. Each candidate must deposit Rs 300 along with the supplementary exam fee with the bank via NEFT, the board stated. The NEFT receipt has to be submitted to the board, either personally or via speed post, by September 29.

Manganahalli Lake in pitiful state, residents write to CM

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

MANGANAHALLI Lake in Ullal is dying a slow death after being abandoned by authorities. Now, irate residents have written to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, seeking his intervention in the matter, and hope that the lake gets a much-needed rejuvenation.

The lake, spread across five acres in Sir M Visvesvaraiah Layout, was handed over from the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) two months back. But despite this, residents say the lake is filthy, and have decided to reach out to the CM directly.

Narayan Kulkarni, a resident, said, "The lake has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Though it is full due to rainfall, sewage water and pollutants are destroying the lake. The stench from the lake has made it difficult for citizens to step out of their homes."

He said that they tried approaching the BBMP and BDA, but in vain. The lake is said to have been rejuvenated by the BDA in 2016 for Rs 1 crore, but BBMP officials say otherwise. The lake bed has been encroached the by BDA to pave a main road they say. On the other side of the lake is Nice Road.

"The lake is in bad condition. To start with, we will need to find where it connects to a stormwater drain. The lake was developed, but not maintained. The lake bed has been paved. Currently, due to financial constraints, we have been unable to take up maintenance works," said Nitya, BBMP executive engineer, lakes.

BDA officials said that due to financial constraints, all lakes, except Bellandur and Varthur, were handed over to the BBMP, but BBMP officials say that the lakes were handed over in a hurry and are in pathetic condition.

"We have appealed to the government to release funds for maintenance of the 38 recently-handed over lakes. On an average, Rs 12- Rs 15 crore is needed for the revival of each lake," Nitya added.

EXPRESS READ

New rly station opens between Hosur, Anekal

Bengaluru: A new block station - Maranayakanahalli - was declared open for rail traffic on Tuesday by Divisional Railway Manager Ashok Kumar Verma. The station, located between Hosur and Anekal railway stations on the Bengaluru-Salem section of the Bengaluru Division, has been given the code MNKH. The 14-km block section between Hosur and Anekal has been split to create the new station, an official release stated.

Passport services at post offices resume

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN a huge relief to those applying for fresh passports or renewing them, most of the Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) have begun functioning. They were shut for nearly five months due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bharat Kumar Kuthati, Regional Passport Officer, Bengaluru, told The New Indian Express, "We have recently opened 19 of the 23 POPSKs in the State following talks with the Karnataka postal department. We are trying to open the remaining ones too at the earliest."

The POPSKs alone contributed an average of 1,150 applications out of the 3,000 completed passport applications received per day before Covid-19.

From receiving an average of 450 applications per day, the number of applications has now increased to 600, Kuthati said. "It is set to increase in the days to come," he added.

All passport offices and POPSKs in the State were shut by March-end as they did not fall under the Essential Services category. The Regional Passport Office at Koramangala and the PSKs at Lal Bagh, Marathahalli, Hubballi and Mangaluru were opened on May 18 but the POPSKs remained shut.

ON THE GO

Citizen groups come together for better public transport

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

CONSIDERING the poor traffic situation in the city, various citizen groups have started the #BengaluruMoving campaign. The campaign aims to highlight the challenges in Bengaluru when it comes to public transport, and the need for better first and last-mile connectivity, bus lanes, NMT solutions and investment in urban transport infrastructure.

The campaign is an initiative of Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC), Environment Support Group (ESG), World Resources Institute (WRI) and Bengaluru Needs You (BNY). Accessibility, congestion, affordability, comfort, safety and hygiene are some of the key barriers that prevent Bengaluru from adopting public transport. It also aims at mobilising and building public opinion to demand an improved public transport system via three steps - informing, educating and engaging with stakeholders.

To drive forward the campaign, YLAC, ESG, WRI and BNY have joined forces to bring several leaders on a single platform and create a better ecosystem for adoption of better public transport. Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, Jayanagar MLA Sowmya Reddy and former Rajya Sabha member Prof MV Rajeev Gowda, are part of the campaign.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

26th August : Today is special to the planet Mercury, and all the many mythical figures associated with this celestial body. In ancient Egypt these included Thoth, the baboon. So, if you want to 'monkey around', then today could be the perfect moment. Actually, Thoth was a god of wisdom, so you might learn unexpected lessons as well.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's a high chance that you'll begin to feel a little wobbly emotionally, and hence inclined to doubt yourself or snap at other people. This is all to do with the lunar patterns, not to mention your solar picture, but you may counter such influences by pampering yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You're now entering a period when there's a high chance of misunderstandings, an extremely high chance, in fact. This is precisely why you must make a point of being open, flexible and ready to listen. You should also avoid making rash and unfair judgments.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If you jump to conclusions you may get away with it now, but you may be caught out within a few days. Play it safe, especially if money is involved. If you have unlimited credit, fine. Otherwise, think again and wait until a partner has decided exactly what they think.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There are lingering pressures at home. If you begin to feel slightly disturbed, it's because of the Moon's emotionally unsettling effect. While this is undeniably a time of great opportunity, the best advice for most of you is to take a few days off and do whatever comes easiest.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Astrology, as I always say, is a matter of making your own future, rather than waiting for what fate has to offer. Therefore, I would advise you to get in touch with your deeper self and consider the mystical dimension of your life, gaining insights which will guide you through the next few days.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should make whatever efforts are necessary to team up with other people, bearing in mind that individuals you meet now could become valuable and vital allies in years to come. Everyone has a story to tell, so don't reject potential partners out of hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Sometimes deep philosophical or spiritual issues are reflected in the most banal events. It might sound strange to say it, but deep cosmic uncertainty at home is paralleled on the planetary level by quite trivial problems. Watch the plumbing, for instance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
If you're due to travel over the next few days, pay excessively close attention to every single little detail. Give yourself plenty of time and allow for others' mistakes. If you're connected with higher education, your ambitions could be about to take a quantum leap forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It now looks as if money will be the controlling factor over the coming days. In other words, what you do should be completely dominated by what you can - or can't - afford. It's probably joint arrangements that require the very greatest care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
I don't think you need fear the prospects for muddle and confusion. In fact, all events will go well for you if you accept whatever happens with a good grace. Over the next few days, life will be a little like one of those crazy rides at the fair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
When all is said and done there seems to be a great deal to be gained from making the most of opportunities at work, even if it means taking on extra responsibilities. Stay calm if all around you people are losing their heads, and try to figure out your next step.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's because everything in your chart for the whole month is influenced by work, duty and responsibility that you should allow yourself a little time for sheer pleasure and self-indulgence over the coming days, if only to recover your equilibrium.

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EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

3	7	5	2	8	4	1	9	6
2	8	6	3	1	9	7	4	5
4	9	1	7	5	6	8	2	3
6	2	3	8	4	1	5	7	9
7	1	9	5	2	3	6	8	4
5	4	8	6	9	7	3	1	2
9	3	4	1	6	8	2	5	7
8	5	7	4	3	2	9	6	1
1	6	2	9	7	5	4	3	8

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PLEEO
NHPCU
PODYOR
KMEERA

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CYNIC LOWLY GRAVEL BEHOLD
Answer: The company specialized in drilling for water, oil and natural gas and was — DOING WELL

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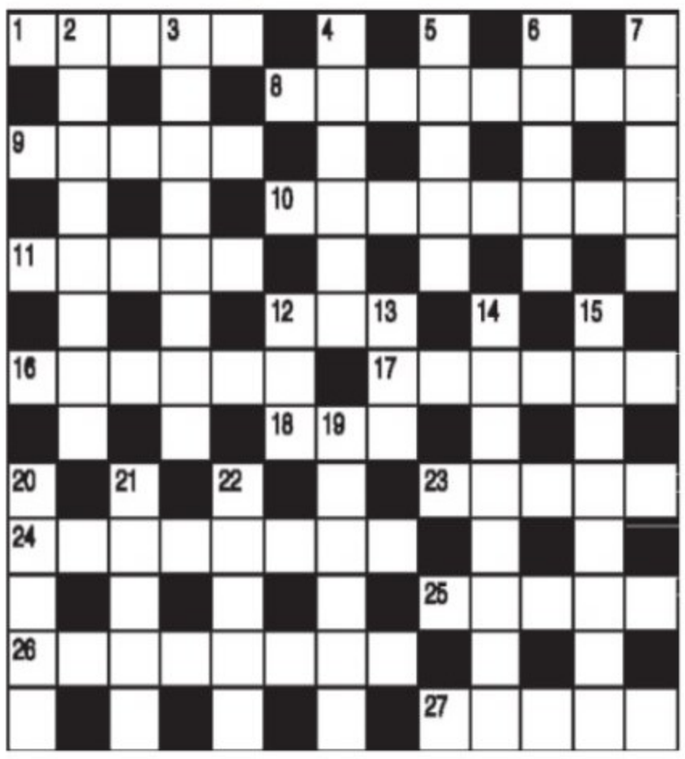
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Money is significant (5)
8 Class includes group that might provide music (8)
9 Musical chairs (5)
10 Captivated by the Venus de Milo? (8)
11 It carries a load past between two points (5)
12 In a melodrama ham actors may come out with this (3)
16 Fellow in the French 24-hour race (2,4)
17 Rubber insect? (6)
18 Understand it's the Holy part of Rome (3)
23 A point always separate (5)
24 She is assigned to guard military uniform (8)
25 Will or won't stay (5)
26 Thought one needs a spare sovereign (8)
27 Stare in regal fashion? (5)

DOWN
2 Trained cadet due for promotion (8)
3 Fair verdict on an improved performance (3,2,3)
4 Capital hospital covers the local community (6)
5 A mass rising on the Indian border (5)
6 Pound postage (5)
7 Highly intoxicating (5)
12 A carrier on sea; a carrier on land (3)
13 Not a slow service, but it may count as one (3)
14 Leave some food and water (8)
15 Set to be a criminal accomplice (8)
19 Adjustment in ages for review (6)
20 What's turned out to be a cut of a scythe (5)
21 Matter for thought (5)
22 Being penniless, went to pieces (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Everything, 6 Slap, 10 Rapid, 11 Contralto, 12 Psalmist, 13 Taste, 15 Tarring, 17 Pickets, 19 Pestles, 21 Bolster, 22 Learn, 24 Downpour, 27 Toothache, 28 Extra, 29 Dabs, 30 Present day.

Down: 1 Earn, 2 Exposures, 3 Yodel, 4 Hacking, 5 Nonstop, 7 Lilts, 8 Professors, 9 Critical, 14 Stipulated, 16 Iolanthe, 18 Entrusted, 20 Sidecar, 21 Bowlers, 23 A-bomb, 25 Preen, 26 Mary.

Forest officials of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary on Tuesday arrested six people, including two women, and seized two sacks of Decalepis hamiltonii (a medicinal plant). According to officials, this is the second haul this year. Last year, two to three cases of seizure of the same medicinal plant were reported

Need some hard decisions to strengthen Cong: Moily

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

THERE is a need to take some hard decisions to strengthen the party and ensure that it is ready for the crucial 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The party has full faith in Sonia Gandhi's leadership to take such steps, said former Karnataka Chief Minister M Veerappa Moily.

Moily, who was among the 23 senior leaders who wrote a letter to AICC interim president Sonia Gandhi, which was seen as a sign of internal dissent, told The New Indian Express on Tuesday that they never questioned her leadership and that was not their intention at all.

"Sonia Gandhi's leadership is always required," he said and recalled her contribution to the party's victory in the 2004 and 2009 Lok Sabha elections and how she successfully managed the alliance partners during the UPA rule. "The party cannot afford to lose the 2024 elections, having already lost two elections. That will be very crucial for the party," he stressed.

Senior leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad, Kapil Sibal, Anand Sharma and other Congress Working Committee members, who were signatories to the letter, reportedly came under fire from top leaders during Monday's Congress Working Committee meeting. The timing and intent behind the letter was called into question.

The party cannot afford to lose the 2024 elections, having already lost two polls. That will be very crucial for the party

Veerappa Moily, former Karnataka CM

According to Moily, the next General Elections will be like a "do-or-die battle" for the party and preparations have to start right now by taking "hard decisions" like making changes in state units, wherever required, by day-to-day monitoring of the performance of functionaries in charge of states, holding everyone, right from block Congress president, accountable and ensuring that the All India Congress Committee general secretaries spend 15 days in a month in the states they are given charge of.

Moily, who held many important positions in the government and the party in his over five decades of association with the Congress, said they have realised that it is the worst of the time and the process of rebuilding the party has to start and micro-management of the party has to be done at every level.

"The Congress has to rebuild itself, as the collapse of a political party is detrimental to democracy in the country, especially when the ruthless manner in which the BJP is going ahead with dividing the community and the country and also setting a wrong precedent by encouraging defections. With this kind of distortion, democracy cannot survive for long," he said and added that the party needs to be battle-ready to take on the BJP.

A YEAR ON, KATEEL HAS THE JOB OF ENLARGING BJP FOOTPRINT IN STATE

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel completes one year as party chief on August 27. While his supporters want a big celebration, Kateel himself wants to play it down, considering the Covid pandemic and floods in the State.

Although he is not comparable in stature to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, his year as president has seen the BJP doing remarkably well in the assembly by-elections, winning 12 of 15 seats, leaving two to the Congress, one to a BJP rebel and an embarrassing blank to the JDS.

Kateel's big challenge will be to ensure the party does well in the city elections for which low-key preparations are on. The party has to win four Council seats so that it has a clear majority in the Upper House where the Congress is strong. There is the Sira by-election, and RR Nagar and Maski seats, when the legal challenges are sorted out.

National General Secretary BL Santhosh, who was here on Sunday, gave the party unit a road map for the next six months, with Kateel overseeing and reporting to the central leadership.

Kateel has also been given the responsibility to increase the party's footprint in the Old Mysuru region, where the party has traditionally done poorly in over 60 seats. The issue was raised at closed-door party meetings, saying it's like fighting only 164 of the 224 seats because of lack of traction here.

"Nalin Kateel's selection for the position, though a surprise, is symbiotic and links the RSS with BJP in Karnataka. His role has been nominal but significant for the future proposition to strengthen RSS involvement in active politics. So far, he has been non-controversial and Dakshina Kannada-centric. A lot of hope is pinned on his age and links, and there is an expectation that he will be a pan-Karnataka leader," said political analyst Harish Ramaswamy.

Kateel's opponents, though, point out that he has virtually "zero influence" beyond the coastal belt, and still remains a rank outsider in Old Mysuru, north and central Karnataka, and will not be able to fill Yediyurappa's super-sized shoes, should the need arise.

Yet others appreciate his work and say Kateel is the classic example of political meritocracy, having risen up the ranks through sheer dint of hard work. His two victories over Congress strongman Janardhan Poojary is testimony to this fact, says brand guru Harish Bijoor.

EXPRESS READ

Patil seeks special audit of state's Covid-19 procurement

Bengaluru: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman H K Patil said there is a need for a special audit into the purchase of medical equipment by the Health and Family Welfare Department at the earliest to instil confidence in the system. In a letter to the Principal Accountant General, Patil said the PAC had unanimously resolved in its August 4 meeting to request the C&AG for a special audit regarding procurement of equipment to fight Covid-19. "However, it is to our surprise that the special audit is being proposed to be included in performance audit of 2019-20," Patil said, and added that since most of Covid-19 related procurement in the department had occurred after March 2020, it is obvious that will not be covered in the audit report of 2019-20. He stressed the need for a special audit of the department at the earliest. **ENS**

Six held for jewellery theft, Rs 30 lakh recovered

Bengaluru: The CCB police have arrested six men who allegedly broke into a jewelry store in Whitefield and decamped with over 50kg of silver articles. Goods worth Rs 30 lakh have been recovered from the accused, Amar Singh (26), Ganesh Bahaddur Shahi (32), Krishna Raj Jayshi (33), Charan Singh (29), all from Nepal; Saleem Pasha (23) and Shahid (22) of Gangondanahalli. Police said the Mathaji Jewelers and Bankers on Immadihalli Main Road under Whitefield police station limits was burgled on August 5. The burglars had drilled a hole into the wall of the store through an adjacent shop. After failing to open the box containing gold jewellery, they decamped with the silver articles. **ENS**

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa holds a meeting after conducting an aerial survey of flood-hit areas in North Karnataka on Tuesday | EXPRESS

CM to visit Delhi, seek flood aid

BSY surveys damage, wants NDRF funds used

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa said on Tuesday he would visit New Delhi next week to seek additional funds to take up flood relief works in the State. The CM is on a visit to the flood-hit districts.

Addressing officials and politicos at Belagavi airport before he conducted an aerial survey of the flood-hit areas, the CM said, "I will convene a meeting of MLAs from flood-affected areas before drawing up a comprehensive action plan."

While directing the deputy commissioners of the affected districts to utilise NDRF funds to carry out emergency flood-relief works, Yediyurappa said, "At least ₹412 crore was available with Belagavi district administration for taking up emergency flood-relief works, including ₹174 crore for rebuilding damaged houses."

He said the government will release compensation for losses of crops and houses in Belagavi and Dharwad districts based on the State's finances, affected by the pandemic.

After an hour-long flood review meeting at Bagalkot, Gadag and Vijayapura, Yediyurappa said, "This year we have decided to shift flood-hit villages. People in affected villages are ready to give their lands to create new villages for them. I will meet PM Modi next month and discuss various development works."

Addressing mediapersons at Almatti in the evening, Yediyurappa said, "The Covid-19 pandemic has worsened the financial condition of the State government, but we will ensure that development works continue unaffected. We will avail loans, if need be, to continue the works."

Accompanied by his cabinet colleagues, Yediyurappa offered Bagina to Almatti dam.

Responding to a question on the Centre's delay in releasing the State's GST share, he said he has already spoken to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over phone in this regard on Monday.

"I will raise the issue at the upcoming GST Council meeting on August 27. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will also meet Nirmala Sitharaman on behalf of the State over the same issue," the CM said.

He also denyied allegations of corruption in managing Covid cases.

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TRACKING COVID-19

Arsikere MLA K M Shivalingegowda was admitted to Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru after testing Covid-19 positive on Tuesday

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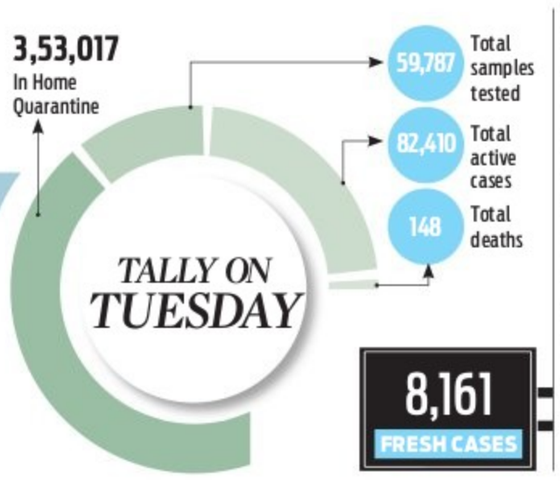
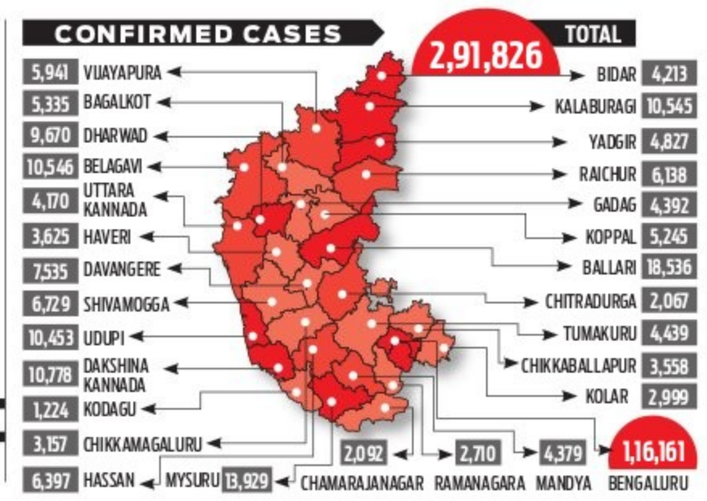




14 NEWBORNS OF COVID-POSITIVE MOTHERS TOO CONTRACT VIRUS

Breast milk may not be the reason; moms may not have taken sufficient precaution: Experts

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

WHEN it was thought that Covid-positive mothers were not passing on the infection to newborns, a significant number of babies getting infected by their corona-positive mothers have been found in Bengaluru.

Fourteen newborns of Covid-19 positive mothers have contracted the virus at Vani Vilas Hospital and Trauma Care Centre (TCC).

"There were 80 cases where mothers were Covid suspects and tested positive after admission and delivery at Vani Vilas. From these mothers, 13 babies turned positive. Also, of the 260 cases where the pregnant mothers were known to be Covid-infected and delivered, one baby tested positive," said Dr Santosh Prabha, Resident Medical Officer, Vani Vilas Hospital.

Newborns are kept at the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) till their Covid-19 test results arrive. Once positive, they are shifted to TCC and remain with their mothers, Dr Prabha said.

But there is no evidence of breast milk as a source of coronavirus transmission, experts at the hospital said. It is likely that a Covid-positive mother may not have worn a mask while feeding and did not maintain distance, leading to the infection of the newborn, they pointed out.

The corona-positive babies are given symptomatic treatment. At the NICU, they are kept away from mothers and are given breast milk supplements.

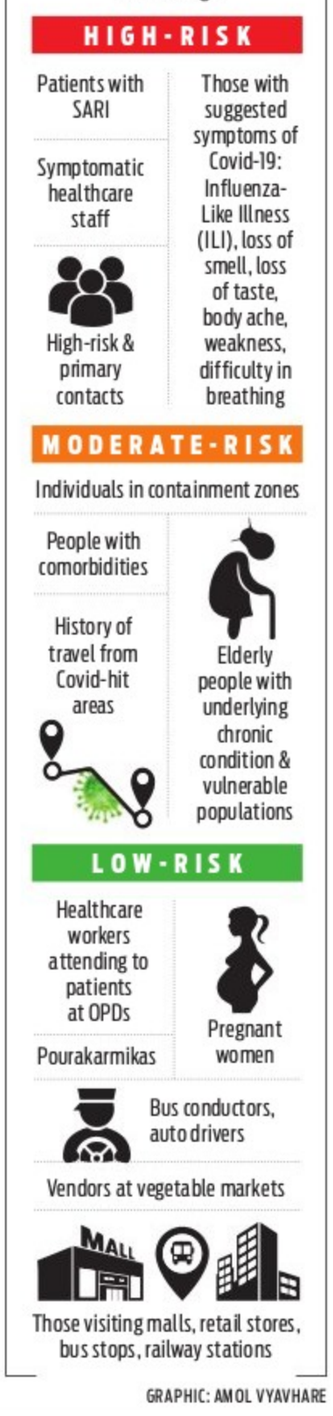
Between March 22 and August 20, Vani Vilas conducted 3,652 deliveries. The hospital had to step up, as many private hospitals were turning away pregnant women in labour fearing the spread of the virus.

Dr Mallesh K, Professor and Head of the Department, Paediatrics, Vani Vilas, said, "Babies born to Covid-positive mothers through C-section are at low risk and are kept separately at the NICU. Naturally born babies and their Covid-suspect mothers are kept together in the labour ward. If the mother tests positive post-delivery, there is a high risk of the baby getting exposed to the virus. The mother is shifted to the TCC and the baby is kept at the NICU and the swab is taken. Most of the babies who have tested positive are naturally born," Dr Mallesh said.

"At the NICU, babies are categorised as low, moderate and high risk, and are kept in separate sections. There have been no deaths of Covid babies at our hospital so far," he said.

ANALYSING THE RISK

The Joint Expert Committees of the Health Department and Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences have conducted a risk categorisation for Covid-19 in order to carry out rigorous tracing, testing of the vulnerable population, and high-risk groups for initiating early treatment and minimising progression to a severe stage



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Cases spike after a brief lull in state

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AFTER two days of respite when the state reported Covid-positive cases of around 5,000 a day, there was a sudden spurt on Tuesday with 8,161 positive cases, taking the total to 2,91,826 cases. Bengaluru accounted for 2,294 of these cases.

The high numbers are also because of 1,331 cases reported from Mysuru, which were a backlog of the last four days.

Experts, however, told TNIE that it is too early to say whether the state is nearing the peak or has already reached the peak.

Dr Giridhara R Babu, member, Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee, said, "By looking at cases reported on a single day we cannot say if we are near the peak or have already peaked. We need to get a moving average of the next five to seven days to judge the peak. A sudden spike in cases can be due to a backlog of samples, increased testing as a fresh batch of testing kits has arrived or even due to extra efforts by the state government in conducting surveys to identify ILI and SARI cases."

It cannot also be attributed to big gatherings of people for Ganesh Chaturthi over the weekend. It needs to be observed if the trend continues over the next few days, he said.

The state reported its highest daily toll of 148, and of them, 61 were from Bengaluru. Two were brought dead to hospital. The total toll now stands at 4,958.

On the positive side, 6,814 people were discharged on Tuesday, with the total crossing the two-lakh-mark at 2,04,439.

Of the 82,410 active cases, 751 are in ICU, with Bengaluru accounting for 327 of them.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar tweeted, "Karnataka crossed 25 lakh tests today and the recovery rate surpassed 70 percent. Today, we conducted 25,13,555 tests across 108 labs in the state. Karnataka's COVID mortality rate stands at 1.7 percent and Bengaluru's COVID mortality rate stands at 1.57 percent."

Going by the August 24 data, the positivity rate since the onset of the pandemic is 12 percent and the state stands at the sixth spot on the number of Covid tests done per million population at 40,140. The state's doubling rate is 12 days now.

A woman undergoes a Covid test at a free antigen & RT-PCR camp in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

MYSURU SUICIDE

IAS officers unhappy with FIR against ZP CEO

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THE Karnataka IAS Officers' Association has criticised an FIR filed against Mysuru Zilla Panchayat CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra over the suicide of Nanjangud taluk health officer Dr Nagendra.

Association members on Tuesday wrote to the government asking it to stand by its officers.

Following Dr Nagendra's suicide, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had ordered an inquiry. Mishra was transferred with immediate effect and Mysuru regional commissioner G C Prakash was asked to conduct the probe.

The association letter stated, "Holding senior officers responsible for the suicide of a health officer is not justified. The broad framework and guidelines to control Covid-19 pandemic are given by the government and senior officers in districts are only implementing that to the best of their capability."

The letter further stated, "The act of lodging an FIR against the Zilla Panchayat CEO has brought down the morale of field officers and such acts will deteriorate administrative efficiency and effectiveness. The state government should acknowledge the hard work being put in by officers at the field level. IAS officers on Covid-19 duty are working day and night. This is a very unfortunate incident and no one knows what prompted the doctor to take such a step. To blame an officer for doing his duty is not the right approach."

Coronavirus-busting device to be manufactured in India from Sept

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A Bengaluru-based scientist claims to have come out with a device, Scalene Hypercharge Corona Canon (SHYCOCAN), to control the spread of Covid-19. The device, after getting clearances from regulatory agencies in the US and EU, is set to be manufactured in the country from the first week of September.

Dr Rajah Vijay Kumar, the inventor of SHYCOCAN and Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer, Organization de Scalene and Scalene Cybernetics Ltd, Bengaluru, said, "SHYCOCAN has proven to be 99.9% effective in neutralising the Spike-Protein or S-protein in coronavirus. The device is designed to release a very high concentration of environmentally safe electrons using proprietary Photon-Mediated Electron Emitters (PMEEs) made with a superalloy developed by us, which emits and excites photons with the required kinetic energy. As high-energy photons bombard bulk surfaces and suspended particles in confined environments, the electron cloud actively 'disarms' air and surface transmission of the corona family of viruses. Even if an infected individual walks into a room, these electrons neutralise the potency of the virus present in aerosols after sneezing or coughing. We have received approvals from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Union's Confirmite Europenne."

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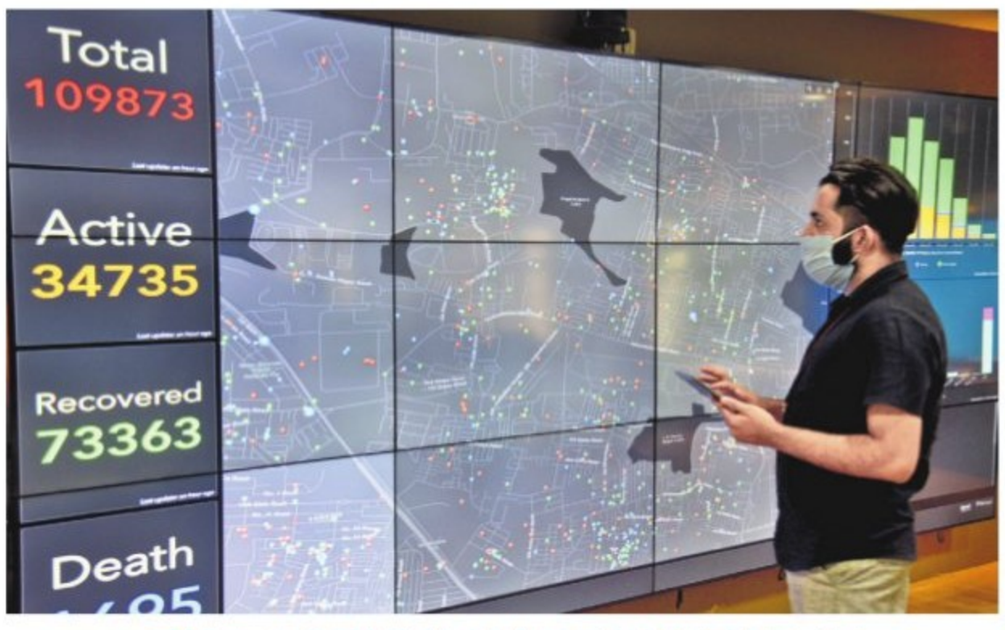
Debashis Bose, CEO, Medwin Healthcare, a Kolkata-based company that undertakes projects related to healthcare and social engineering, said, "The device should be the first priority in hospitals, police stations, schools and colleges. We are planning to sell around 1,30,000 devices in the next six months. People can order the product from our website."

Already, 1,600 devices have been tested. Dhrubajyoti Bose, CFO, Medwin Healthcare, said, "The devices will be first supplied to eastern parts of the country. Manufacturing units are in Kolkata, Bengaluru, Gurgaon and Pune."



THE ACTION HAPPENS HERE

A staffer at the BBMP War Room updates the geo-location and number of Covid cases with the help of Index Application app on Tuesday. The app has been developed by various agencies for the BBMP and health department | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Kin cry foul after hospital says accident victim died of Covid

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A 28-year-old man, who was admitted to a specialty hospital in Kalyan Nagar 47 days ago after he reportedly met with a road accident, died on Tuesday, prompting the family members to stage a protest in front of the hospital. They claimed that the patient was scheduled to be discharged in the morning, but they were informed that he had died.

"When he was first admitted around one-and-a-half months ago, the hospital said he tested negative for Covid. On Monday night, they gave us a bill of ₹18 lakh, including ₹9 lakh for medicines and about ₹8 lakh for bed and ICU charges. When the family returned on Tuesday morning to take him, they were informed that he had died. The hospital said it was because he was Covid-positive," said Govinda Simha, general secretary of Hindu Jagarana Vedike. "We will file a complaint at Banaswadi police station," he added.

In a video, the patient's family is seen saying that he was okay when they met him on Monday evening and that they were planning to take him to another hospital for a second Covid test.

"When we said we cannot pay the remainder of ₹6.5 lakh, they said it is a Covid case," a family member is seen saying in the video.

In the same video, another person, who identifies himself as Jayaram, is seen saying that his uncle Srinivas P was admitted in the ICU at the same hospital for 13 days and had tested negative thrice. He died on Monday and when they were settling the bill of ₹3,96,000, the hospital informed the family that he was Covid-positive, Jayaram claims.

REACHING REMOTE AREAS

Mobile clinics for marginalised launched

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MEDICAL Education Minister **Dr K Sudhakar** on Tuesday flagged off two mobile medical clinics that will provide healthcare services to people in need and those living in remote areas of the state.

The Aster Volunteers Ashok Leyland Mobile Medical Services was initiated by Aster RV Hospital in partnership with Ashok Leyland and Trinity Care Foundation. The initiative will also support drivers, ASHA and health workers, Anganwadi teachers, and orphanage inmates among others, who do not always have proper access to healthcare.

The vehicles will cover North and South Karnataka. The one covering North will also cater to the Kolhapur region of Maharashtra. By bringing free primary screening services such as BMI, blood sugar testing, BP and general health check-up to marginal communities, the programme aims to check non-communicable diseases at an early stage and raise awareness on the importance of early detection.

Dr Azad Moopen, founder-chairman and managing director of Aster DM Healthcare, said, "One of the missions of Aster Volunteers is to reach the doorsteps of people in need of medical care and who do not have access to it. The mobile services will try to make quality healthcare accessible to the marginalised populations."

26% TO 16%: SOUTH ZONE CASELOAD EASES OFF

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SOUTH zone seems to be faring better. In July, it had recorded 26 per cent of the Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru. Now, it has come down to 16 per cent. The reasons range from tests being conducted effectively to better contact tracing and home quarantine visits by the volunteers.

In the second week of July, according to the State War Room, the South zone topped the list with 26 per cent, followed by West zone with 25 per cent and East with 21 per cent. The highest number of cases in South zone were reported in wards like Jayanagar, Suddaguntepalya, Hombegowdanagar, Visveswarapuram, Basavanagudi, Yediyur, Hosakerahalli and Banashankari Temple area.

But as of August 24, West zone has the dubious distinction of recording 25 per cent cases, followed by East zone with 17 per cent and South zone 16 per cent.

Data from the State War Room shows that in August, South zone, West zone and East zone with 44 wards each have recorded 6,998 Covid-19 cases, 10,763 and 7,144 cases respectively. Bommanahalli with 16 wards recorded 5,861 cases.

Munish Moudgil, South zone in-charge said, "The daily cases have come down from what was in July. South zone had the highest daily cases among all the zones in July with 500 cases per day but now it stands third at 300. Also, the highest number of contacts were traced in the South zone. In total, 69,695 cases, both primary and secondary contacts, were traced."

According to the War Room data, until August 18, South zone has also achieved the highest number of tests — both RT-PCR and RAT — with a cumulative achievement of 5,546 tests, followed by West zone with 4,624 and Bommanahalli 3,461 tests.

"South zone has consistently been the highest in absolute terms for testing, contact tracing and even home quarantine visits. It has the highest home quarantine visits per day in BBMP wherein 90 per cent of houses were visited by health workers to ensure that the HQ patients are not violating norms," added Moudgil.

"The government should appoint public health experts as nodal officers for Covid-19 management

A H Vishwanath, MLC

HC asks for State's response on DJ Halli riot investigation

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the State government to place on record the steps taken with regard to the investigation of the DJ Halli violence, and also sought a response from it on petitions seeking directions to invoke the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and transfer of the investigation to the National Investigation Agency.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi issued the directions while hearing three separate petitions connected to the August 11 violence over which 72 FIRs have been filed.

The State government filed a plea seeking directions to appoint a Claims Commissioner to assess damage to public and private property, fix liability, and award compensation in accordance with a 2009 Supreme Court order. The bench said it would pass an order on receiving consent from two retired high court judges -- Justices PGM Patil and K N Phaneendra -- to appoint one of them as the Claims Commissioner. It then adjourned the hearing of the plea to Friday.

In the second petition, advocate N P Amrutesh filed a PIL seeking directions to the state police to invoke KCOCA and UAPA against the accused, and appoint a Claims Commissioner. The advocate questioned the three-day delay by MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy in filing a complaint with the police. He also sought directions for the provision of compensation and medical facilities to the injured police personnel.

A third petitioner, Girish Bharadwaj, sought the transfer of the case to the NIA or any other central investigation agency.

CHILD PORN CASE: HC SEEKS REASONS FOR DELAY

Bengaluru: The HC on Tuesday directed the Centre to ensure that the Ministry of Women and Child Development immediately furnishes details sought by the investigating officer into 113 instances of child pornography reported in Karnataka in 2018. It also told the government to file an affidavit explaining the delay in giving info to the IO and ensure cooperation is extended to the officer. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed the order after hearing a PIL filed by the NGO, Bachpan Bachao Andolan.

Youth Congress members stage a protest against the BJP government in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Centre not paying GST share, alleges Congress

Opposition party says Union govt pushing states into debt

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THE Congress is prepping to launch a full frontal attack against the Union government at the next GST Council meet, accusing it of violating the GST Compensation to States Act by refusing to pay compensation, and forcing them to borrow more.

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, former GST Council member Krishna Byregowda and former Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Gowda held a virtual press conference, saying the Modi government is pushing states – already battling a pandemic – into further debt.

"We have a GST Compensation Act that mandates the Centre to pay compensation to States for five years at the rate of 14% growth of GST revenues. In the good years, when GST compensation revenues were higher than what was due to States, the Centre absorbed Rs 88,000 crore but now when times are tough, the Centre should compensate states," said Prof Rajeev Gowda.

The Congress demanded that the Centre pay GST compensation in full. Instead of increasing borrowing limit of states, the Centre should borrow from the market and use that to compensate states. It asked for GST compensation cess period to be increased to 10 years, holding the Centre responsible for the financial crisis.

"Pendency in compensation is not just a post-Covid situation. The issue existed for a year and the Centre didn't try to solve it. It is another sign of the Centre abdicating its constitutional responsibility and refusing to assist states," said Byregowda. He pointed to an SBI report stating that only eight states are eligible to borrow more, which means others will be left in the lurch. "Karnataka is looking at floods and crop damage. If states don't get their share, it will limit their ability to respond to these issues," he added.

SHIVAKUMAR CONTRACTS COVID-19, HOSPITALISED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday night, has been admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru.

"I had fever and have tested positive for the Corona Virus. I am doing well, but as a precaution have been hospitalized and am under the good care of doctors. With your wishes and blessings, I will soon be back," Shivakumar tweeted, appealing to all those who came in contact with him to be cautious.

In the last three days, the KPCC chief had cancelled all his programmes, including plans to visit flood-hit areas in Belagavi. Sources close to the Congress leader said that he underwent a Covid test after he developed fever and cough.

A number of senior Congress leaders including AICC president Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and AICC general secretary KC Venugopal spoke to him over phone on Tuesday afternoon, and wished him a speedy recovery, while Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, former CM HD Kumaraswamy, and other leaders in the state took to Twitter to do so.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. NATURE : Sealed tenders (Two cover system) are invited in the prescribed form.
2. ADDRESS : PURCHASE MANAGER, Materials Department, No.1, Pumping Station Road, Chintadripet, Chennai-2. Telephone No: 044 28451300, Extn:272. E-Mail: pmcmwssb@gmail.com , website : www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in
3. DETAILS OF TENDER:

Sl. No.	Tender No. and date	Description	EMD Amount in Rs. P.
1.	MAT/ OT/021/2020	CRRT/Phase-I/Package 46 - Supply and delivery of 15 Nos. of 6000 litres & 5 Nos. of 9000 litres capacity truck mounted Sewer Suction Machines including maintenance contract for maintaining the vehicles and rate contract for desludging of septic tank from different locations and decanting at Perungudi STP including all O&M for 7 years	Rs.7,55,000/-
2.	MAT/ OT/022/2020	CRRT/Phase-I/Package 47 - Supply and delivery of 15 Nos. of 6000 litres & 5 Nos. of 9000 litres capacity truck mounted Sewer Suction Machines including maintenance contract for maintaining the vehicles and rate contract for desludging of septic tank from different locations and decanting at Shollinganallur STP including all O&M for 7 years	Rs.7,55,000/-
3.	MAT/ OT/023/2020	CRRT/Phase-I/Package 48 - Supply and delivery of 10 Nos. of 6000 litres capacity truck mounted Sewer Suction Machines including maintenance contract for maintaining the vehicles and rate contract for desludging of septic tank from different locations and decanting at Kodungaiyur /Nesapakkam STP including all O&M for 7 years	Rs. 3,60,000/-

Availability of Tender Schedule: From : **27.08.2020** to **25.09.2020** upto **3.00 P.M.**
Due date & time for receipt of tender : **26.09.2020** upto **3.00 P.M.**
Due Date & Time of opening of Tender : **26.09.2020** at **3.30 P.M.**
4. TENDER SCHEDULE:
a) Detailed description of material to be supplied and the terms and conditions of the tender are available in the tender schedule which can be downloaded from the official website of CMWSSB (www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in).

DIPR/3191/Tender/2020

PURCHASE MANAGER

EXPRESS READ

K'taka Gramin Bank opens asset recovery branch

Bengaluru: Karnataka Gramin Bank has opened its asset recovery management (ARM) branch at Srinagara in Bengaluru. This branch is the first-of-its-kind for a regional rural bank in India. It was inaugurated Shrinath H Joshi, chairman of Karnataka Gramin Bank, and will be headed by Chief Manager Lakshmi Narasappa and Manager Law Davender Singh. The focus of the branch will be to follow-up and recover high-value NPA loans filed before the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru.

KSRTC all set to resume inter-state operations: Savadi

Bengaluru: Deputy Chief Minister and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi has said that the KSRTC is all set to restart inter-state bus operations, except to Maharashtra. Prior to the lockdown, the utility was operating 2,500 buses to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Puducherry. Since Unlock 1.0, operations had been restored to AP, while other states were communicated for restoration of operations. "However, the states are yet to respond. We are all set to restart bus operations to these states except Maharashtra. Since Maharashtra is still a Covid high-risk, we will take a decision after this month," Savadi said.

Woman ends life, her parents blame husband, in-laws

Bengaluru: A 24-year-old woman was found dead in her residence in Madanayakanahalli on Tuesday. The police said she hanged herself, and her parents allege that the husband and in-laws are responsible for her death. The deceased, Ranjani, was married to Balakumar and has a daughter. She was working at a garment factory in Peenya. The police said that on Monday evening, she hanged herself, owing to a family dispute. Her parents alleged she was being harassed by her husband and in-laws.

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Kerala State Rural Road Development Agency, Thiruvananthapuram
Notice inviting tenders (window)
Notice No. 5/711/HC/UT/2020/CE-KSRRDA Dated: 24/08/2020

PMGSY-Balance work
Download Start Date: **03/09/2020 : 10 AM;** Download End Date : **14/09/2020 : 5 PM;** Last date of Physical Document submission : **22/09/2020 : 5 PM**

PMGSY Flood Maintenance work
Download Start Date : **03/09/2020: 10 AM;** Download End Date : **14/09/2020: 5 PM;** Last date of Physical Document submission : **22/09/2020: 5 PM**
Chief Engineer, Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency (KSRRDA) invites E-tenders on behalf of the Governor of Kerala On-line bids for 6 works retender from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Public Works Department of States / Central Public Works Department / Railways /Local Self Government Department for maintenance of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The bid forms and other Details can be obtained from the website www.pmgsytendersker.gov.in

Sd/-, Chief Engineer, Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency

TASMAC
TAMIL NADU STATE MARKETING CORPORATION LIMITED
CMDA Tower-II, IV floor, Gandhi Irwin Bridge Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008
TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders are invited from the IRDA registered Nationalised Insurance Companies with experience in the field of insurance, for taking Insurance Policies like Marine, Fire, Burglary, Money in Transit, Money in Safe, etc. of TASMAC Depots, Senior Regional Manager Offices throughout the State and Corporate Office, for a period of one year from **01.11.2020 to 31.10.2021** (midnight). The value of IMFS and BEER stock estimated to be transported from Manufacturers Factories to TASMAC Depots throughout the State to be insured will be around **Rs.23,000/- Crores.** Fire and Burglary Insurance Policies are to cover the stock worth **Rs.622/- Crores** (approx.) at any point of time in TASMAC Depots throughtout the State. Money in safe Money in Transit and Fidelity Guarantee Policy in respect of Corporate Office, 5 Senior Regional Manager Offices and 43 IMFS Depots are also to be covered.
Tender documents (with conditions and pre-qualifications) (supplied free of cost) may be obtained from the Office of the Managing Director, **TASMAC Limited,** IV floor, CMDA Tower-II, Gandhi Irwin Bridge Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008 on any working day, **upto 02.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020**. The tender documents may also be downloaded from the Government of Tamilnadu website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** or TASMAC website **www.tasmac.co.in** The sealed tenders should be submitted at the above address **before 03.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020** and will be opened in the presence of the tenderers, who choose to be present **at 04.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020 at the above address**
DIPR/3176/Tender/2020
Managing Director

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Solid Waste Management Department
S.W.M.C. No.A7/0899/2020
Notice Inviting e-tender- Second call
Short e-Tenders are invited for the following work in Single stage two cover system as detailed below.

The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), invites online tender for "Primary Collection, Secondary Transportation of Construction and Demolition Waste from Zone 9 to 15 to the processing facility at Perungudi site of Greater Chennai Corporation (the Authority) under PPP mode are available in online www.tntenders.gov.in	
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	10th September 2020, 03.00 PM
Bid Opening Date and Time	11th September 2020, 04.00 PM
Cost of Tender documents and EMD	Cost of tender document Rs.20,000/- + 12% GST EMD Rs.9.70 Lakhs

DIPR/3172/Tender/2020
Superintending Engineer (SWM)

KMML
The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)
SANKARAMANGALAM, CHAVARA-691 583
KOLLAM, KERALA, INDIA
Phone: 0476-2686722 to 2686733 (12 lines), 2651000.
Fax: 91- 476 - 2680101, 2686721
Email: **contact@kmml.com**, URL: **www.kmml.com**
CIN-U14109KL1972SGC002396
SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE
Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**

No	Tender Id	Name of the Work
1	2020_KMML_377067_1	For the supply of FRP PIPE AND FITTINGS
2	2020_KMML_379248_1	For fabrication and supply of 1 No. Vessel for Bag Filters S 304/ 305

Chavara
25.08.2020
General Manager (MS/ TP&HR/ EDP)
For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd
Our Products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge

TNPL **TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED**
Unit-1 : KAGITHAPURAM - 639 136, KARUR DIST. TAMIL NADU
Phone: 04324-277 001 (10 LINES)
Unit-2: Mondipatti - 621306, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu
Ph:04332-265102
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description	Due date
202113 002347	Procurement of Alkaline Sizing Chemicals with Alkyl Ketene Dimer (AKD) for Paper M/c No.1,2&3	07.09.2020
202113 002358	Procurement of Sulphamic Acid Commercial	08.09.2020
202113 002420	Procurement of Filler Grade Precipated Calcium Carbonate (in jumbo bags)	09.09.2020
202123 000794	90 GSM Plain kraft Reels & sheets of various sizes in 24 BF, Quanity:Reels-468MT & Sheets - 610MT	09.09.2020
Email	202113002347, 2358 & 2420 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 202123000794 - purchasepacking.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Detailed Terms & conditions, Qty., Tender Fee, EMD are available in Tender document at our websites: **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** & **www.tnpl.com**
DIPR/3163/Tender/2020 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: Tender/Security/Veh/2020/Call-3. Date: 21.08.2020
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)
e-Tenders in two cover system are invited from eligible bidders for the following **Description: (a)** Hiring of one No.of (Type-Diesel) 8+1 Seater for 4500 kms/month & 12 Hrs. per day duty basis (Engine-2400CC to 3000 CC) Type-Diesel) of model 2017 or above like Mahindra Bolero or eq. (GPS fitted vehicle) with Driver, Fuel and Lubricants (POL) and PF, ESI facilities for drivers on hire basis for conveyance of security personnel for shift duties (Ambikanagar-Bommanahalli pick up dam and other security points) and other official general duties for a period of two years. **(b)** Hiring of One No.of (Type-Diesel) 11+1 Seater for 4500 kms/month & 12 Hrs. per day duty basis (Engine-2400 CC to 3000 CC) (Type-Diesel) of model 2017 or above like Force Cruiser or eq. (GPS fitted vehicle) with Driver, Fuel and Lubricants (POL) and PF, ESI facilities for drivers on hire basis for conveyance of security personnel for shift duties (Ambikanagar-Tattihalla dam and other security points) and for conveyance of security personnel for shift duties and other official general duties for a period of two years. **(c)** Hiring of One No.of (Type-Diesel) 11+1 Seater for 2500 kms/month & 12 Hrs. per day duty basis (Engine-2400 CC to 3000 CC) (Type-Diesel) of model 2017 or above like Force Cruiser or eq. (GPS fitted vehicle) with Driver, Fuel and Lubricants (POL) and PF, ESI facilities for drivers on hire basis for conveyance of security personnel for shift duties (Ganeshgudi-Supa PH-Supa dam and back water etc. Daily and to Kumbarawad dam as and when required) and for conveyance of security personnel for shift duties and other official general duties for a period of two years. EMD: **Rs.1,00,250/-.** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK, e-Procurement website: **URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login of bidders. Tenders shall be submitted in e-Procurement portal only. EMD and tender processing fee should be paid online through e-Proucurement portal. Last date and time for online submission of tenders is **02.09.2020 up to 17.00 hrs.** Date and time for opening of Technical bid is on: **04.09.2020 at 10.00 hrs.** Date and time of opening of Financial bid will be intimated later separately. Further information if required can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP)-A, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581 363. N.K. (Dist.) Contact No.08284-258681/ 9449599113, e-mail:ccmspa@karnatakapower.com**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER
HYDRAULICS DIVISION No.1, K.E.R.S.,
K.R.SAGARA 571607, KARNATAKA
(Phone and fax:08236-297253, Email:crohyd1krs@gmail.com)
Notification No.CRO/HYD/KERS/SHORT TERM TENDER/01/2020-21 Dt:14.08.2020
Call-2
Short-term Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement only)
The Chief Research Officer, Hydraulics Division No.1, K.E.R.S., K.R.Sagara invites **ITEM RATE** Tender in Two cover bid system as per the KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 and as per the prescribed proforma of Standard Tender Documents under NHP through electronic tendering system **(e-tender)** from eligible firms for the work of **'Conducting I.B.S Hydrographic and Drone survey of V.V.Sagar Reservoir for the year 2020-21'** under Hydraulics Division No.1, Branch, K.E.R.S, K.R.Sagara, under the Head of account - **National Hydrology Project.** E.M.D for submission of tender is **Rs.1,01,700/-.** Interested Bidders can download the bid document from **14.08.2020**. **Cover-I** if for Technical Bid and require relevant documents and **Cover-II** is for Financial Bid. Financial Bids are opened only after qualifying Technical bid. Last date for submission of Tenders will be on **29.08.2020 up to 4.00 PM**. The tenderes are required to submit tenders only through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** Technical Bids are opened on **31.08.2020 after 4.30 PM** and Financial bids are opened on **02.09.2020 on 11.00 AM.** Further details may be obtained in the website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from the under signed during office hours.
Sd/-Chief Research Officer,
Hydraulics Division No.1, K.E.R.S, K.R.Sagara
DIPR/AD-MDY/MCA/307/2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Karnataka Government Secretariat
M.S.Building, Bengaluru.
No: RD 05 GRC 2020 Dated: 16.04.2020
NOTIFICATION
It has come to the notice of the Government, that the financial establishments viz., of Ms Divya Spandana Co-operative Society is involved in the fraudulent transactions and failed to return deposits to their depositors. Hence, the Government has decided to initiate action as per the provisions specified under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005).
It was reported that properties belonging to the said financial entities may have spread over in various districts and depositors are scattered throughout the State of Karnataka and possibly in other States also. In order to avoid duplication of efforts, necessity has arisen to authorize Competent Authority to call for claims from all the depositors of M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society.
Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5(1) of The Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government of Karnataka, hereby appoint Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore North Sub-Division, Bangalore as the 'Competent Authority' in respect of M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society with immediate effect.
By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(V. Nagesha Rao)
Under Secretary to Government (I/C)
Revenue Department (Special Cell)
NOTIFICATION
Whereas, upon considering the reports of the District Magistrate, i.e Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that the M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society are involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.
And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.
And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society.
And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the District Magistrate, i.e Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:
"ORDER"
Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub- section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable property believed to belong to M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society. Therefore, the Government hereby attaches movable property as specified in the Annexure to this order believed to have been acquired by M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the M/s Divya Spandana Co-operative Society and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.
Note: All the aforesaid movable properties, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.
By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(V. Nagesha Rao)
Under Secretary to Government (I/C)
Revenue Department (Special Cell)
Telephone No: 080-22032691
E-mail: ussplcell-rev@karnataka.gov.in
ಅನುಬಂಧ **(Annexure)**

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ಸಹಿ/–
(ವಿ. ನಾಗೇಶ ರಾವ್)
ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧೀನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ(ಪ್ರಭಾರ)
ಕಂದಾಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ (ವಿಶೇಷ ಕೋಶ)
DIPR/DDU/869/SPAN/2020-21

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, our client i.e., Mr. Kodanda Reddy is intends to PURCHASE the immovable properties more fully described in the schedule property hereunder from its present owner i.e., **Mrs. PARVATHAMMA,** daughter of late Mr. Sonnappa, residing at Gattahalli Village, Huskur Post, Sarjapra Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099.

Any persons, financial institutions having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said properties and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Land bearing **Survey No.25/2,** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 11 Guntas and 01 Guntas Kharab,** situated at Avalahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anejak Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, and bounded on the;

East by : Land in Sy.No.34 and 36; West by : Land in Sy.No.5;
North by : Land in Sy.No.25/1; South by : Land in Sy.No.25/3.

Sd/- **S.M. MANJUNATHA,**
Advocate, **Law Park Associates,**
No.19/A-1, 14th 'B' Cross, 2nd 'A' Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bangalore-560 102. +91 98456 65379
Mr. Kodanda Reddy +91 99450 74999

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

TATA

Contact Add: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013, Contact No. (022) 61827414, (022) 61827375
Regd. Office: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013. CIN No. U67190MH2008PLC187552.

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated as below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date of demand notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s):	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
9621123	Mr.Bhavanishankar Desai (Borrower) Mrs.Pavithra Rane (Co-borrower)	Rs. 23,11,516/- as on 18.11.2019	21th August, 2020

Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties All that peace and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No.633, formed in survey Numbers 523/2B and 523/2C of Nallur Village, the layout name as "UPKAR SPRING VALLEY" compressing of other lands bearing Sy.No.38,39/2 40/4Apart, 40/4B part, 66/1, 66/2, 67/1, 67/2A, 69/2A, 71/1, 72/1A1, 72/1A2, of ELUVAPALLI VILLAGE and Survey Numbers.515/1, 526/1A, 516/2, 517, 519, 520/1, 520/2A, 520/2B, 520/3, 521/1 521/2, 521/3B, 522/2, 523/2A, 523/2B, 523/2C, 524/2, 527/2 of Nallur Village of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, attached to the Registration of Krishnagiri and Sub Regisration District of Hosur and also attached to the village of Panchayath Limits of Echangur and Nallur and union council of Hosur. Bounded as follows; East by: Plot No.634, West By: Plot No.632, North By: Road, South By: Plot No. 648, Boundaries measuring:- East to West on the Northern side 30ft, East to West on the Southern side 30ft, North to South on the Eastern Side 50ft, North to South on the Western Side 50ft. which is total measuring 1500 sq. ft,. situated in Sy.No.523/2B and 523/C of Nallur Village

Date: 21st August 2020 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Nallur (V) Hosur **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.**

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **10-07-2019** calling upon the **Borrower: Mrs. K. Nagalakshmi,** W/o, T.J. Venkate Gowda, No. 11, 7th Cross, Shivapura, Bangalore - 560 058, **Also at,** L. V. Studio, No. 17, 11th Cross, Shivapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 058, **Also at,** Site No. 03, Katha No. 344, Gangodanahalli Village, Dasanapura Village, Bangalore North, **Co-Borrower: Mr. T.J. Venkate Gowda,** S/o, Javare Gowda, No. 11, 7th Cross, Shivapura, Bangalore - 560 058, **Also at,** Site No. 03, Katha No. 344, Gangodanahalli Village, Dasanapura Village, Bangalore North, **Guarantor: Mr. R. Dinesha,** S/o, Ramegowda, No. 723, 19th Main Road, Bagalagunte, Bengalore North, Nagasandra, Bangalore - 560 073 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account Nos. 2581860000231 & 2581860000251** being **Rs.10,63,826/- & Rs.38,32,985/-** respectively with further interest from **10-07-2019** onwards and other costs th ereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **19th day of August 2020.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 vide **Loan Account Nos. 2581860000231 & 2581860000251** for an amount of **Rs.12,50,886/- & Rs.44,68,352/-** respectively with further interest from **19-08-2020** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No. 03, Katha No. 344, Old KH No. 20, Assessment No. 103, situated at Gangodanahalli Village, Dasanapura Village, Madavara Village Panchayath, Bangalore North, Bangalore City, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1500 Sq.ft., together with building constructed thereon Bangalore and bounded on:-

East by: Remaining property of Smt. Chikkamma **West by:** 25 feet Road **North by:** Site No. 02 **South by:** Site No. 04

Place: **Bengaluru** Authorised officer
Date: **19-08-2020** **Repco Home Finance Limited**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank

The South Indian Bank Ltd.,
Regional Office: BANGALORE
Regd. Office: SIB House, TB Road, Mission Quarters, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 001.
Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005.
Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92 E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017 I Website: www.southindianbank.com

Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assts and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as ACT r/w Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

To

1. Sri. Shivamadaiah K P alias
Shivamadaiah Kanchanahalli Puttamad
S/o Putta Madegowda, #3/1, 11th Cross, 2nd Main Road,
Mookambika Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore- 560085
Also at:
Kanchanahalli Village, Sathanur Hobali,
Kabbal, Kanakpura, Ramanagar, Karnataka- 562126

No.1 among you as a Principal Borrower, availed a Mobi Loan Limit (0127.655.251) of Rs.7,08,000/- from THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED, having its registered office at 'SIB House', T B Road, Thrissur – 01, Kerala and one of its Regional Offices at SIB Arcade, # 61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005 and one of its Branches at Bangalore Yeswanthpur – Do.No.33/1, Ward No.4, K N N Complex, HMT Main Road , Mathikere, Bangalore Urban-560054 by executing necessary documents on 25.10.2017 and is secured by the asset scheduled below (hereinafter referred to as Secured Asset.)

The said account was classified as Non Performing Asset in our accounts on 23.02.2020 and we had issued notice under S.13(2) of the Act on 28.07.2020 demanding payment of Rs.5,42,557.83 (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Seven and eighty three paise only) as on 27.07.2020, plus further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice. However, No.1 among you have avoided service of the said notice, this public notice is issued pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Hence, you are hereby called upon by this notice to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days of this notice, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the secured assets scheduled below by exercising all or any of the rights given under Section 13(4) of the said Act.

You may further note that as per Section 13(13) of the ACT, you are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the below security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the below secured assets, without our prior written consent. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to the South Indian Bank Ltd., against the borrowers and the guarantor as per law.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE

Toyota Etios GD (F) (Diesel), Manufactured in October 2017, bearing Registration Number:KA05AG9491; Chassis No:MBJB49BT7001672011017 Engine Number:1ND1A46632 and registered in the name of Sri. Shiva Madaiah K P in the RT Office- Bangalore South, Karnataka.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/-**
Date : 24.08.2020 **AUTHORISED OFFICER (CHIEF MANAGER)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT. G. SOWMYA** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and she sold the same in favour of my clients **SMT. SAVITA PARAPPA ANGADI & SRI. PRARAPPA S ANGADI** under Sale Deed Dt:13/8/2020 Doc No.2496/20-21 registered in SRO Bannerghatta Bangalore, and the said **SMT.G.SOWMYA** has lost original Sale Deed dated 06/11/1997 bearing Document No.3420 / 1997-98, Book-I, stored in CD No.46, executed by Sri.G.Subramanyam and others represented by their GPA Holder Sri. G. S. Suresh in favour of Smt. Rajeshwari registered in the office of sub registrar, Anekal. In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.97, Old Property No.97, New Property No.269/97, Old V. P. Khatha No.95/1, New Khatha No.400,** situated at **Bannerghatta Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, property now comes under the limits of Bannerghatta Village Panchayath,** measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.92, **North by :** Site No.98, **South by :** Site No.96.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.276, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, **Mr. Jerome A. Louis and Mrs. Manjula Phadke Louis,** No.27, Mahant Layout, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560 019 are the owners of property bearing House List No.61, Khaneshumari No.12, situated at 1st Cross, New Bank Colony, Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore (hereinafter referred to as **'said Property')**

They have lost/misplaced the original Sale Deed dated 30.12.2002 executed in favour of our clients Mr. Jerome A. Louis and Mrs. Manjula Phadke Louis, registered as Document No.BNG(U)KNGR-1-17567-2002-03 in Book 1, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, along with certificated copy of Sale Deed dated 04.05.1984, registered as Document No.682/1984-85 in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, original FIR dated 05.08.1999 lodged at Cubbon Park Police Station and all the other documents pertaining to the said Property.

Our clients have lodged a complaint at the Bangalore City Police on 20.08.2020 intimating loss of the aforesaid documents and any persons(s) finding the said original documents may please hand over the same to the undersigned or if any person has any claim in the said Property, he/she/they shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** of the publication of this notice, after which date no claims will be entertained.

Mr. Tejus Cherian, Advocate
C K Juris, Legal Consultants,
422, 4th Floor, 5th Main, West Wing,
Amarjyothi Layout, Domlur, Bengaluru 560071.
Bengaluru, Dated: 26.08.2020

IDFC First Bank Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank

(Formally known as Capital First limited,)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
Authorized Officer – Mr. Raghavendra | Contact Number – 9986659988

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First limited,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30th September 2020,** for recovery of **INR 1,24,99,502.33/-** due to the **IDFC First Bank Limited** from **SUBHA RAO AR.** The Reserve Price will be INR 3,53,28,000/-and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 35,32,800/-**

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

NO-1187, SECTOR- 3, HOSUR SARJAPURA ROAD LAYOUT, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560102

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC First Bank Limited website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formally known as Capital First limited,)

Date : 25th Aug 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner Sri.B.T.Purushotham Residing at "Sri Venkateshawara Vybhava Nilaya", Abbigere Extension, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore - 560 090 who represent to my client that he is the absolute Owner of the Schedule Property having acquired from the previous owner by way of a Sale Deed dated: 26.10.2016 which is registered as Document No.3078/2016-17 in Book-I stored in CD No. BYPD 237 dated: 26.10.2016 at the office of the Sub-Register, Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura).

If any person/s, entity, firm, Financial Institution, (Corporate or Otherwise) Company/ies has or claims any right, title, interest, claim/s, attachment, charges, pending Litigation, court order in the form of a Decree/Award/Injunction, minor claims, Partition Suit, Lease agreement/Rent Agreement, mortgage or mortgage by way of Deposit of Title deeds etc or demand of any nature in or upon the aforesaid property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand made together with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete the purchase transaction/ proceed on the basis that there are no claims in respect of the aforesaid property. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **residentially converted property vide Official memorandum No. ALN(NAY)SR/108/2014-15 dated: 29.06.2015** passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, bearing **Khata No.1038/7/2 carved out of Sy.No.7/2 (Old Sy. No.7), situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** now falling under purview of BBMP Yelahanka, Yelahanka Sub-Division, Bangalore **measuring East to West 109 feet, North to South 211 Feet, totally measuring 22,999 Square feet together** with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on

East by: Remaining Portion of same Sy No.7/2, West by: H.M.T. Layout, North by: Road, South by: Private Layout.

Sd/- **M/s. SARALA LAW ASSOCIATES**
Advocates,
Office at "Justice Point", No. 168, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, 1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bangalore- 560 053. PH. 98453 93708

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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I Asha.D, W/o Anil Kumar.H, # 290/1A, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, 3rd cross, 3rd main, Malleshpalya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-75, do hereby express that i have lost in transit the original registered Sale deed dated 04/12/10 and other related documents in respect of the vacant site/plot bearing No.35 (Survey No. 107), Rajanna Bhadavane, Billekahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, BBMP khata No.29 bounded on : East by-Property No.34, West by-Property No.36, North by-Property No.24, South by-30 feet road on 14/08/2020 at the Jayanagara area of Bangalore. If any person or persons, etc, traces the said documents please do forward/ send to the aforesaid address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client intends to purchase agricultural land measuring 0.06.08 guntas (Six guntas Eight cents) in Sy.No.70/2C1 of Yelachagere village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala taluk bounded on the East by : Land of Jayaramaiah, West by : Land of Shobha N S, North by : Land of Hanumanthaiah, South by : Land of Shobha N S from its owners Sarojamma, W/o.Late.G.Anjanappa & Kamala, D/o.Late.G.Anjanappa. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within **THREE** days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

K.R. PRADEEP
Advocate, #31/9, 'NCP Tower',
I Floor, I Main, Mount Joy extension,
Hanumanthnagar, Bengaluru -19.
E-mail : prarooplaw@gmail.com
Phone : 9886012455. Date: 25/08/2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of general public that Flat bearing No.CB-11-08 in 11th Floor of B-Block in residential complex by name "KSR Cordelia" Dasarahalli, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore 560 016, more fully described in the Schedule given hereunder, is the self acquired property of Shri Sudhir Koushik, aged 34 years, son of Shri Vendantha Deshikachar, duly registered vide Sale Deed registered on 2nd April, 2018 bearing No.BNS1:00026-2018-19 and stored in CD No.BNSD647 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banasvadi, Bangalore.

The general public is hereby warned not to deal with HDFC Ltd., No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001 or their agents or attorneys or clients in this regard in the matter of sale, lease, rent or mortgage or whatever in respect of the Schedule Property as HDFC Ltd has no legal right or legally acceptable mortgage as they do not possess the documents of title to the property.

Despite this Notice, anybody dealing with HDFC Ltd., in the matter of the Schedule property will be doing so at their own risk and consequences.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land bearing property survey No.66 measuring 19 Guntas, Survey No.67/1 measuring 32 guntas and survey No.67/2, measuring 1 acre 09 guntas, both situated at Dasarahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and the composite property bounded on the **EAST :** Remaining portion of S.No.67/2 and thereafter Survey No.65, **WEST :** Remaining Portion of land Survey No.67/1 **NORTH :** Remaining portion of land Survey No.67/1 And 67/2, **SOUTH :** Property bearing Survey No.68, on which the building known as K.S.R. CORDELIA and the residential 3 bedroom apartment bearing No.CB-11-08, in the 11th Floor, in Block-B, having a super built up area of 1428 sq.ft. along with car parking space is built with proportionate share of 461 sq.ft. of undivided share of land, right title and interest bounded on the **EAST :** OPEN TO SKY, **WEST :** CB-11-07, **NORTH :** OPEN TO SKY, **SOUTH :** CB-11-09.

Dr. KB VIJAYAKUMAR
ADVOCATE
No.100, 2ND CROSS, BASAVESHWARA LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR
BANGALORE-560 040
(M) 9986498853. DATE: 25-08-2020

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

MCBL

H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Sri. Ravindra A S/o Appaji **2. Smt. Divyashree** W/o Ravindra A both are residing at Sri Raghavendra Krupa Nilaya No.1648/1, 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 25.08.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs.48,87,544/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundreden Forty Four Only) as on **31.07.2020** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing No.1687/1,Layout formed karnataka state govt 'D' group employees central society ltd ,Sy no.24/4, of Srigandadakaval Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore north taluk Bangalore 'including all rights, privileges and appurtenances there to East to West: 20 Feet, North to South: 35 Feet, Total area 700 Sq.Feet. and bounded on: East by : Site No.1655/A, West by : Road, North by : Site No.1671, South by : Site No.1688.

2. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Mr. Syed Amjad Pasha S/o Syed Ahmed **2. Mrs.Almas Taj** W/o Syed Amjad Pasha both are Residing at No.26, 3rd Cross, Mangammanapalya Main Road, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560058.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 25.08.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs.31,30,123/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Only) as on **31.07.2020** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing First Floor portion of building constructed in property bearing No.40, situated at 3rd Cross, Lalbagh Road, Division No.44, Sudhamanagar, BENGALURU. With a super builtup area of 1200 Sq.Ft, together with proportionate undivided land interest in Schedule Property which comes to 375 sq.ft. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Property Bearing Site No.10.

North by : Property Bearing No.15 and South by : Khayam Gutta Lane.

3. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Sri. Sridhar Raj Urs C A S/o Ananda Raj Urs **2. Smt.Varsha Raj Urs** W/o Sridhar Raj Urs both are Residing at No. # 904/25, 1st Main, 7th Phase, J P Nagar, Billekahalli, Krishnamaraju Layout, Bengaluru-560076.

Demand Notice : 11.06.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 25.08.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,82,80,174/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand One Hundreden Seventy Four Only) as on **31.07.2020** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Municipal No.16(Old No.23/1), situated at 5th 'B' Main, Near Tata Silk Form, Obalappa Garden (K R Road Yediyur Village), Bangalore, PID No.59-80-16. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West : 58'.6"+54'.6/2 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total area 2260 Sq.Ft. and bounded as follows: East by : Site of U Narayana Rao, West by : K R Road, North by: Road, South by : Property of Papaiah.

4. Borrower Name and Address : 1. Mr. Venkatesh N S/o Late Narayanappa A **2. Mrs.Vijayalakshmi D** W/o Venkatesh N Both are residing at No.41, F Main, 8th Cross, Girinagar Ii Phase Bengaluru-560085.

Demand Notice : 03.02.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 25.08.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs. 65,48,467/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundreden Sixty Seven Only) as on **31.07.2020** and interest thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Site No.61/A, Khatha No.61/A, Sy.No.10, situated at Pattangere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently BBMP property No.62/1/61/A/10, BBMP Khatha SI No.62/1, Pattangere, Bangalore including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 40 Feet , North to South 20 Feet and bounded by East by : Road, West By: Site No.60, North By: Site No.61, South by: Site No.62.

Date : 25.08.2020 **Sd/-**
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Corporate Office : 201, Raheja Point-1, Near SVC Bank, Vakola, Nehru Road, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400055.
Malleswaram Branch : Office No. 284, 2nd Floor, 17th & 18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.(Karnataka).

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Appl No.**V0130879 Malleswaram** Branch.) **Eternity Projects** (Borrower) **Vijaya Prasad Reddy K** (Co Borrower) **Kasturi Vijaya Kumar Cotha** (Co Borrower)	**11.8.2020 ₹35,57,012.00**	Khatha No.154/1315 in respect of BDA Plot nos Site No.1315, 1316 And 1317, BTM 4th Stage, 1st Block Layout, Bengaluru - 560034, Karnataka. Bounded on : **East Side** : Road, **West Side** : Road, **North Side** : Site no 1314 and **South Side :** Site no 1318. **Collateral Security :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing site No 4, 5 & 5G (Ward No. 193 BBMP old Khata No 522/519/531/74/1 New Khata No 908/59/4) comprising of 16 flats (out of 36) situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, measuring Land area of 12,650 sq.ft. in the name of M/s. Eternity structures Pvt ltd., along with apartment structure comprising plinth area of 43,240 sq.ft. and built up area of 36,580 sq.ft. Bounded on : **East Side** : Shamanna's Property, **West Side** : Road, **North Side** : Road and **South Side :** Site Pvt. Property.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place: Malleswaram **Authorised Officer**
Date : 26.8.2020 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LTD.

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
Phone : 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax : 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore, South Bangalore - 560 078. No.2) Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy, S/o. Mr. Mallikarjuna Reddy, No.86, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Annayappa Layout, Sarakki Village, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore, South Bangalore - 560 078.

Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.69,45,519/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Forty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Nineteen Only) as on **12-02-2020** plus accrued interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Properties Owned by Mrs. C. Praveena, W/o. Mr. C. Ravindranath Reddy) **Schedule - A:-** All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy.No.138/3, situated at Site No.200/1, in New BBMP Katha 1002/1199/1093/882/200/1, in Sy.No.138/3, situated at Sarvabounanagar, Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West - 120 ft., North to South - 80 ft., Totally measuring 9,600 Sq.ft. and Bounded on:- East by - 30 Feet Road, West by - Private Property, North by - 30 Feet Road, South by - 30 Feet Road. **Schedule - B:-** An undivided 312 Sq.ft. share in the land comprised in the Schedule - A Property. **Schedule - C:-** All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.403 in the Fourth Floor, in the Residential Apartment known as Neha Legend, to be constructed on the Schedule - A Property, consisting of Living, Dining and Three Bed Room, having super built-up area of 1,450 Sq.ft., equipped with Flooring, Sanitary, Electricity Wiring and Other Facilities with Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor.	₹ 52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Only)	18-09-2020 at 01.00 p.m.

PART - 2

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.17, Akash Bhavan 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Near Vasan Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Hosamane, Saragodu Kundur, Mudigere, Chickmangalur, Karnataka - 577 132. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.44, Vigneshwara Layout, Second Main Shettihalli Village, Karnataka - 560 044. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Unibic Foods India Pvt. Ltd., No.1134, Shriram Nivas, Fifth Floor, 100 Feet Road, Second Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 038. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, No.351, 15th Cross, Saraswathi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 040. Also at:- Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, Flat No.07, 22nd Main Vijaya Oasis, Ground Floor, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 061. No.2) Mr. S.D. Manjunatha, S/o. Mr. Doddegowda, No.17, Akash Bhavan 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Near Vasan Eye Care, Malagala, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 072.

Outstanding Liability Amount: Rs.59,95,922/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Only) as on **12-02-2020** plus accrued interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
(Property Owned by Mr. Pradyumna, S/o. Mr. S.D. Manjunatha) **Schedule - A:-** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land vide conversion order BD

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar, who tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday night, has been admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru

DONNING A NEW HAT

EX-IPS OFFICER ANNAMALAI JOINS BJP

Says party would be able to give a new vision and direction to election-bound Tamil Nadu

BJP General Secretary Muralidhar Rao welcomes former IPS officer Kuppusamy Annamalai to BJP, in New Delhi on Tuesday | PARVEEN NEGI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WITH the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections around the corner, the BJP on Tuesday got a shot in the arm with induction of former Karnataka cadre IPS officer Kuppusamy Annamalai. The man known as 'Singham' joined BJP in the presence of party's national general secretary P Murlidhar Rao and TN state unit chief L Murugan, and later met party chief JP Nadda.

Annamalai had resigned from police service in May 2019, after a stint of about one decade. He had been DCP (South) Bengaluru, and has also founded an organisation - "We the Leaders" - with an aim to help the youth. After joining, Annamalai said that he was a nationalist at heart, and an admirer of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"I am a huge Modi fan, simply because he shows me that a common man can aspire to reach the top and achieve the goal, and does not need to come from any dynasty," he told reporters. He added that there was a lot of misconception about the BJP in Tamil Nadu and there was a need to create awareness.

"I think the BJP will be able to give a new vision and direction to Tamil Nadu."

> I am a huge Modi fan, simply because he shows me that a common man can aspire to reach the top and achieve the goal, and does not need to come from any dynasty
> Kuppusamy Annamalai

> My advice to him is that we have got this Constitution from the blood of our people and they are always supreme
> S Sasikanth Senthil, ex-IAS officer

'I'M A NATIONALIST AT HEART, ADMIRE PM MODI'S VISION'

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

A year after he took voluntary retirement from the Indian Police Service, K Annamalai, who was a Karnataka cadre officer, on Tuesday joined the BJP in the presence of party national general secretary P Muralidhar Rao, Tamil Nadu BJP state president L Murugan and later met party national president J P Nadda. This comes months ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. The former Superintendent of Police of Udupi-Chikkamagalur and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru South, is now keen on working at the grassroots level in Tamil Nadu to increase BJP's popularity. In an interview with The New Indian Express, Annamalai spoke about why he believes BJP is the right party for him and the challenges he is gearing up for.

Is your joining politics a build-up to the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections?
No, not at all. I wanted to be independent and have a sense of freedom with what I was doing in Tamil Nadu. At the same time, over the last few months, I began to think that political change is as important as social change. At the end of the day, we have to meet the same politicians for all our works. It is a well-thought-out decision. I did not want to take the political plunge for the next couple of years at least, but I am definitely not looking at Assembly elections. This will be a great opportunity for me to do something right for the state of Tamil Nadu. That's the motivation, and not any election in the near future.

What made you choose BJP?
I am always a nationalist at heart and I have openly said earlier that I like Modi ji's administration and his vision. In Tamil Nadu, Dravidian parties have been creating a negative perception of the BJP for a long time now. I am not worried about it. I go by what my heart and my conscience says. The BJP is the right party for India and Tamil Nadu.

What motivated you to switch careers?
In 2018, I had the opportunity to travel to Kailash on a three-month trip. That is the time I felt that I should make the change, but not necessarily politics. I wanted to get into social service. One decision led to another. I did not give it too much thought. I allowed life to take its own course.

You were a popular police officer in Karnataka, but is TN your choice of state as a political leader?
I am joining the BJP, a national party. Tamil Nadu, I believe, needs a new political direction and path now. The BJP might ask me to work in any part of India or nationally as well. That is the advantage of being in a national party. Whatever responsibility I am given, I will take it forward.

In your view, what are the challenges in Tamil Nadu that has been electorally averse to national parties in recent history?
The biggest challenge is to push what the party stands for. There has been a lot of misrepresentation, whether it is about Hindi language issue or policies of the BJP. Media channels are pretty strong in Tamil Nadu and a lot of Dravidian parties run the channels as well. That I see as a big challenge. Youngsters need to understand what this party is all about. If a youngster wants to get into politics, the BJP is the only party right now that is away from family politics, sycophancy. With time, I think people are warming up to the BJP. They are understanding what it stands for.

If not now, then at least in the future, do you have a constituency in mind to contest from?
I am not thinking of electoral politics now. I am looking at this as an opportunity to work and I will take it forward from there.

Senthil says he wants 'Singham' to work for unity of people

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

WITH former IPS officer K Annamalai finally taking a plunge into politics by joining BJP on Tuesday, now all eyes are on his friend and ex-IAS officer S Sasikanth Senthil's future journey.

Senthil, who has been very critical against the present dispensation since he quit civil services almost a year ago over the controversial CAA and NRC bills, welcomed Annamalai's participation in political process but ruled himself out from joining any political party at this juncture.

In a conversation with *The New Indian Express*, Senthil refused to elaborate much on Annamalai's truck with BJP, but sees the development as a result of 'power of conformity' and 'careful manipulation' by BJP and its political mentor RSS to reap dividends of the huge fan following of the former tough cop popularly known as 'Singham'.

"My only advise to him (Annamalai) is that we have got this constitution from the blood of our people and it is always supreme no matter wherever we are. I expect him to work for the unity of people and the spirit of the constitution," he said.

Senthil, who declined offers from many political parties, said he does not have faith in any of them as none are ready to take up people's causes in a big way. Citing raids on politicians, he also said it is impossible for political parties to fight an autocratic State. "The fight can only be taken up by the people and not by any political party. I don't find any party bigger than people's movement. I will have to stay with the people," he said.

But, he said he is happy to join hands with anybody including political parties, NGOs and movements who are fighting against the State that has 'indulged in fear-mongering and curtailment of citizen rights' which he said has become more clear now.

Bail out unaided school teachers: MLCs to govt

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister H D Devegowda will lead a protest organised by the Teacher's and Management Forum on Wednesday, demanding a special package for an estimated 4.5 lakh unaided school teachers and guest lecturers across the State. Members of teachers' associations, and MLCs from teachers' constituencies will gather at Gandhi statue near Maurya Circle at 11am on Wednesday.

With the pandemic affected jobs and incomes and causing schools in the State to be shut for nearly six months, the financially strained private schools have passed on the burden to staff, either taking them off the rolls or slashing pay.

Some teachers and their families have been struggling for two square meals a day, the forum members said, adding it was high time that the government reached out to them.

Niranjanaradhya V P, programme head, Universalisation of Education at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru told TNIE, "There is no entitlement by the government to the private schools. Students are shifting from private schools to government schools and this could have irked some," he said.

BIDDING BYE

A devotee immerses a Ganesha idol at Shanghumugham in Thiruvananthapuram beach on Tuesday | BP DEEPU

HIPPO TUSKS RECOVERED DURING RAID

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

SLEUTHS of Forest Mobile Squad (FMS) from Shivamogga have stumbled upon something never seen wildlife contraband reported so far from Karnataka. The team which conducted a raid near a village in Soraba of Shivamogga recovered tusks (dentine structure) of a hippopotamus. The accused were trying to sell the booty to a decoy when the raid was conducted on Monday night.

Three people were arrested for the possession of the materials. A car which was used for transportation has also been seized and the accused have been remanded in judicial custody.

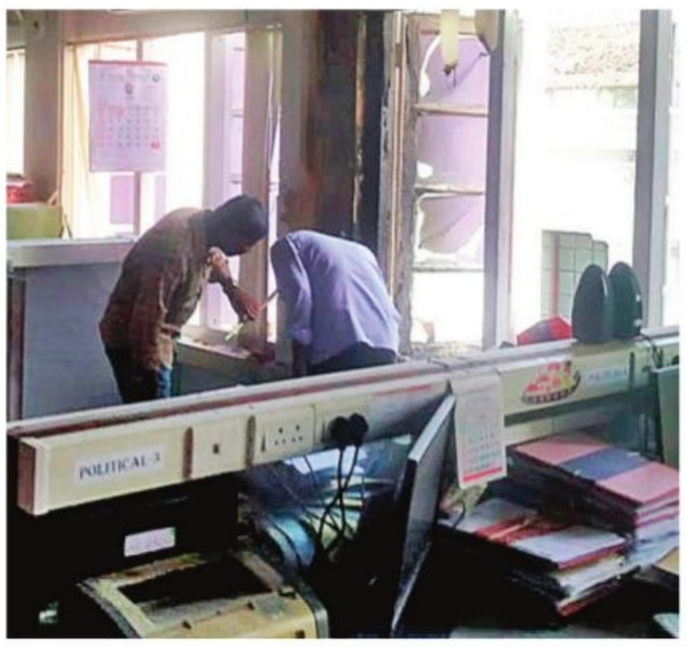
FMS Shivamogga investigates the wildlife contraband they recovered

The recovery of Hippo tusks has baffled the raiding team as well as wildlife experts. When tusks are involved in wildlife trade, it's usually the elephant ivory or fake ones made using bones of lions and camels. But finding a Hippocampus parts has now made the investigating team explore all the possible angles to trace the origin of the tusks.

"We cannot comment at this point from where the accused procured the tusks from. In many cases, the contraband change hands and hence we are now trying to check where these tusks of Hippocampus may have come from. We have some leads and further investigation will lead us to the actual culprits," said an investigating official.

The accused are, Muzzaffar Hassan (19), a native of Honnavar and working in a garment store in Bengaluru, Zahid Khan (30) from Sorab, a dealer of electronic goods and Mohammed Danish (22) from Bhatkal who works in a pest control agency in Bengaluru. Incidentally, Zahid has already been booked once by Sagar police for narcotics crime. He has also confessed to have served term once before.

"The trio had come to Shivamogga especially to meet the link to supply the ivory to a kingpin in the trade for a price. Forest officials said some of the hippo ivory was larger than elephant tusks and the size had left them baffled," said a raiding team member. w



Officials inspect the charred Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday

Gold smuggling case files gutted in Secretariat fire: Oppn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

BARELY a few days after the agencies probing the gold-smuggling case through the diplomatic channel sought details from the state protocol officer, an incident of fire outbreak was reported from the General Administration Department, which houses the Protocol Office, in the Secretariat on Tuesday evening leading to gutting of some of the office files.

The fire outbreak occurred at a time when the working of the Protocol Office is under scanner after the officials there allegedly made lapses while dealing with diplomatic baggage destined for the UAE Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram. During the ongoing NIA and Customs probe on gold smuggling, the sleuths had recorded the protocol officer's statements and sought certain files from the office.

> As the staff had complained about it, we had given a note to the electrical section to repair it. Maybe the short circuit had occurred in that wire
> B Sunil Kumar, State Protocol Officer

While the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel cited short circuit in a power cable as the reason, the Opposition parties did not buy that theory and demanded a probe by a national agency into it.

The fire was first noted by the office staff around 4.45pm. Due to Covid-related restrictions --- one of the staff had tested positive recently --- only two employees were present in the office at that time. The fire was doused within 20 minutes with the help of the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

D Praveen, Station Officer of Thiruvananthapuram Fire and Rescue Services Unit, said the fire resulted in only minimum damage as the room was closed.

"Closed room means not enough oxygen for the fire to rage on. Because of that there was heavy smoke in the room and little fire. The fire clearly emerged once we opened the room," he said.

Praveen said about four/five bundles of files lying on the ground and a corner of the shelf located close to the spot where the fire sparks originated were burnt partially.

"Even those files were not fully burnt. We asked the office staff to take them outside. We didn't use any water hose to douse the fire as it might have damaged the files further," he said. Praveen added that there was a concealed electric wire in the room and that was installed to run a fan.

However, the Opposition parties were less amused by the version. Implying that the incident was staged to destroy evidence in connection with the gold-smuggling case, they put the blame on the government. Opposition Leader Ramesh Chennithala said the government and the chief minister were trying to sabotage the gold-smuggling probe by destroying evidence. He called for an NIA probe into the incident.

"The fire outbreak and gutting of files were deliberately planned to derail the probe. Earlier the government had claimed that CCTV visuals from the chief secretary's office were destroyed in lightning," he said.

EXPRESS READ

HC flays police in Periya murder case

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Tuesday observed that the investigation team has ignored the directions of Supervising Officer of the Special Investigation Team probed the Periya murder case.The court noted that the Supervising officer appointed in the case had asked to investigate whether there wereeye witnesses to the incident. The chance of spotting someone who hadactually witnessed the occurrence in a serious investigation of a case ofthis nature in view of the materials on record cannot be ruled out andthat was why such a specific direction was issued. He also asked to collect CCTV footage available in the locality essentially to ascertain the fact and with a view to obtain ocular evidence in case of identifying anysuch eye witnes.The court said that there was no serious investigation on those aspects. This failure may create a missing link in the chain of the circumstances. ENS

Tiger dies, foresters suspect foul play

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE news of the death of a tiger in Kalhalla range of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve has raised many questions.

Forest officials said the carcass was found in the bushes on Tuesday evening. "We got the information late and we reached the site late. So postmortem could not be conducted. It will be done on Wednesday," said NTR Director R Ramesh.

He said the gender and age was not known, but prima facie it seemed to be a mid-aged animal. As the skin was still fresh, it was likely that the tiger had died just a day before.

The department is suspecting foul play in the wake of the poaching cases the tiger reserve has seen ever since Lockdown-1 was enforced. According to records, this is the second tiger death since then. The first was a natural death reported in Veeranahossahalli range.

Responding to the news of the missing canines and claws, Ramesh said only postmortem will confirm. "Until the team for postmortem arrives, the carcass is kept well guarded. However foul play is not being ruled out as the location is just 750 metres away from tribal hamlets of Tattakere Haddi, which connect to revenue pockets and coffee estates in Kodagu and other places," he added.

The forest department is also looking at the angle that the animal could have died a natural death and its claws and canines could have been removed later.

Conservationists are not happy with the way the department has handled it. The death of a tiger is a serious issue and if there is news that its claws and canines are missing, irrespective of what time the incident is reported, they said.

EDITORIAL

"The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem, it will avail us little to solve all others

Theodore Roosevelt

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— Ramnath Goenka

FARM SECTOR SHINES AMIDST SLOWDOWN BLUES

As economists and analysts await the first quarter Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for the current financial year to be released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on August 31, the country is bracing itself to face the first contraction of the economy year-on-year since the mid-1990s. A survey by the Reserve Bank of rating agencies and analysts has forecast a de-growth for the April-June quarter of about 5.8%. In a more extreme position, the agency CARE Ratings predicted a GDP contraction of (-)20% as "countrywide lockdowns crippled most economic and commercial activities" across India. The pointers are already there: The index of industrial production (IIP) fell 36%, commercial vehicle sales was down by 84% and steel consumption by 55%.

The one silver lining in this gloomy picture is the robust performance by agriculture. The farm sector has been exempt from lockdowns and classified as "essential services". An extended winter chill produced a good rabi harvest for the first quarter, while early and sustained monsoons has given a boost to sowing for the kharif season. The Ministry of Agriculture has said wheat and food grains production is close to 152 million tonnes (MT), a rise of 5.6% as compared to last year. The output of oilseeds has fallen but that of most other fruits and vegetables has risen.

There are important lessons from this emerging data. Even as the economy is crashing under the weight of the pandemic, the farm sector is holding its own. Interestingly, the poor migrants, who returned home jobless and penniless, played a big role in the kharif sowing operations, becoming harbingers of growth. Not only has the farm sector kept the food supply lines running, it has provided job support to millions. That is the key: India is and will be for some time to come primarily a farm-based economy. Though it cannot be the single driver of growth, it can play an important part in the months and years of economic slowdown. Rather than perceiving agriculture as the nation's Achilles Heel, the government would do better to support agricultural operations and agro-industries.

A READY-MADE SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

The pandemic has pushed another 100 million people around the world into extreme poverty, says the World Bank chief. Such has been the economic impact of Covid-19, the severity of which is being felt in India too. A report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy says around 1.8 crore salaried jobs were lost since April.

Trapped under the crushing weight of loans, insurance payments, unprecedented electricity charges and healthcare expenses, the public are looking towards governments, hoping for a panacea. Sops may help win elections but, in these times of real distress, they hardly make a difference. There is a ready solution at hand, which governments must come forward to utilise—filling up lakhs of government posts that have been remaining vacant for the last several years. Almost every state government department, Central ministry, police station, court, fire station, public school, public bank and university is currently short-staffed. By the government's own data, there were close to seven lakh unfilled vacancies in Central government departments and ministries as of March 2018. By rough estimates, that is enough to employ over 10% of those rendered unemployed, considering they have the required qualifications. That apart, nearly 60% posts reserved for SC/ST candidates in Central ministries and departments are lying vacant. Lakhs of teaching jobs are unfilled across the country—Haryana had 31,000 vacancies as of March and Uttar Pradesh had a whopping 1.4 lakh vacancies as of April this year. Multiple reports have also highlighted the shortage of trained nurses and doctors to treat Covid in rural India.

Governments across the world will have to reconsider how the economy operates in the post-Covid era. Laissez-faire has proved to be inefficient in helping the world tide through such crises. The focus must be on rebuilding the public machinery. It provides the required checks and balances for the private sector. Filling up lakhs of vacancies would be a good start to ensure timely and efficient delivery of public services while also providing more livelihood opportunities.

The Western Ghats region of Kerala has been in the news for recurring landslides and floods. What is the way forward?

TOWARDS A CARBON NEUTRAL WAYANAD

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Finance Minister of Kerala

AMIT BANDRE

It is a common notion that there is a trade-off between growth and environmental protection. The growth over-enthusiasts lose no opportunity to undermine environmental safeguards. And the opposite camp constantly reminds us of the limits to growth. The Western Ghats region of Kerala has been in the news for recurring landslides and floods and for bitter wrangling between the two camps on development. It is in this context that the proposal for doubling the income in five years through an eco-restoration programme in Wayanad assumes importance.

Wayanad district in Northern Kerala, sitting at an altitude of 700-2,000 metres in the Western Ghats, is one of the richest agro biodiversity regions of Kerala with more than 40% forest coverage, fertile soil and adequate water. But in the past two decades, the district has been more known for its agrarian crisis and farmer suicides. The collapse of coffee prices, wipeout of pepper wines by pestilence and ecological degradation have played havoc with agricultural production and farmers' income. The region was the epicentre of the 2019 monsoon disaster. It is in this backdrop that the new programme makes a promise of doubling the income through eco-restoration.

It all began with the "Carbon Neutral Meenangadi" project in the local plan of the grama panchayat. With the help of an environment activist group "Thanal", the panchayat prepared an assessment of total emissions, sector by sector, using internationally acceptable methodology. In the next stage, an assessment of sequestration of emissions by the existing trees in the forest and homesteads in the panchayat was made. It gave a net emission of 15,000 tCO2eq for the panchayat. The challenge was to adopt measures to reduce the emissions and increase the sequestration capacity to neutralise the excess carbon emissions.

The annual plans of the local government were to be the main instrument for achieving this target. Projects were prepared to mitigate emissions in each of the sectors through appropriate measures like promotion of high-efficiency stoves, reduction in wastage of electricity, energy auditing, electric autos, solar energy programme, effective composting, etc. It was calculated that for the creation of additional sequestration capacity, 6 lakh trees would be required. Thus began a campaign to increase the tree density of the panchayat to offset the excess emission. Besides Thanal and MSSRF, neighbouring colleges, universities, research institutes and activists are involved in the programme.

A major challenge with tree planting programmes in private land is related to intergenerational equity. The tropical long-gestation trees may not bring income to the present generation that plant the trees but only to the next generation. How does one incentivise large-scale tree planting? The panchayat innovated with a tree banking model. The local cooperative bank would pay an advance of ₹50 per tree per annum to the farmers on the guarantee that the amounts would be paid back when the trees are ultimately cut after 10 to 20 years. But this time horizon was found to be too risky for the cooperative. Therefore the state government stepped in to deposit ₹10 crore in the cooperative bank as guarantee. The earnings on the deposit could be used as annual interest for the advances given to the farmers by the cooperative. During the last two years, the local government has planted nearly 2 lakh trees, half of which were in private homesteads.

This programme is being scaled up to the district-level with a target to sequester 6.1 lakh tCO2eq, where 1 lakh tCO2eq is expected to be covered by KSEB through solar power generation and the rest by 26 panchayats through their intervention in the forestry and agriculture sector. How will it help double the income of the people?

In the past two decades, Wayanad has faced an agrarian crisis. The region was the epicentre of the 2019 monsoon disaster. A new programme makes a promise of doubling incomes there through eco-restoration

The main source is going to be through doubling the returns from coffee, the main crop. Today the producers of beans receive hardly 10% of the final value of coffee products. The major portion of value addition accrues to the dealers and processors at the higher end of the value chain. This can be drastically modified if the coffee is processed, branded and sold. Frankly, we were inspired by the success of branding the Araku Valley Coffee in Andhra Pradesh. The Carbon Neutral Wayanad tag would be a great asset in branding.

There would be a large modern agro-processing park with common facilities. Besides the coffee processing plant, it would also have facilities for processing fruits and vegetables that could be sourced by any farmer producer company. Large-scale jackfruit processing can easily fit with a centralised processing plant linked to decentralised primary processing units. The land and money for the park has been identified.

The programme would involve major changes in coffee cultivation, picking and curing practices. Watershed-based planning is another key element. Coffee will have to be graded into homogeneous quality based on the microclimatic and soil conditions. It would involve mobilisation of farmers and planters into producer companies or cooperatives, who would also be the shareholders of the company that would own the coffee brand and manage the common facility.

The conscious promotion of fruit trees can provide supplementary income to the farmers. The increase in biomass can also enable expansion of animal husbandry. The increase in biodiversity and tree coverage would make Wayanad an important destination for eco-tourism. Meenangadi has already started developing eco-trails.

A major challenge is financing the tree planting programme on the model of Meenangadi tree banking. Some kind of green fund support would be required to prod the financial institutions to bank on trees. Meanwhile, international interest in the Wayanad experiment is growing. TUDelft University recently started a webinar series on Climate Technologies for Carbon Neutral Agriculture with the Wayanad programme as the central focus. From the local experiment of a grama panchayat, it has been a long journey, but this holds out promise of a positive and people-centric way of conservation of the Western Ghats.

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RECONSIDER HOLDING JEE, NEET EXAMS NOW

GOURAV VALLABH

National Spokesperson, Congress, and Professor of Finance

As an academician who has devoted more than half his life to mentoring students, I have come to the realisation that the approach that works best with them is that of empathy. The cut-throat exam competition in our country already makes the situation emotionally taxing. With as few as 1% of the students finally getting through in certain entrance exams, I can only imagine the mental burden students and their parents are under while preparing for the big day. Imagine adding two other dimensions to the puzzle: uncertainty and risks to well-being. Suddenly, the proportion of anxiety and panic witnesses a compounding rise.

At first glance, conducting the exams seems reasonable, since you need to have them in order to admit students to the new session. Unfortunately, after having given it considerable thought and weighing the perils vs benefits of holding the JEE and NEET exams now, I have come to the clear conclusion that the negatives outweigh the positives in this case. In order to arrive at a logical conclusion, I asked myself a few simple questions:

Are we better off today than we were when the exams were postponed? Five states, home to the maximum number of candidates, account for around 60% of the total reported cases in the country today. We are not in a position to guarantee a secure examination environment. Also, states like Bihar, Assam and Uttar Pradesh are experiencing heavy floods, which makes it even more inopportune to conduct exams now.

Is the infrastructure robust enough to tackle student movement? With public transport currently not operational in most states or in limited capacity, passenger trains cancelled and only a few special trains currently running, reaching the destination will be a challenge. With only seven centres in Bihar and 17 in UP for JEE, students will need to travel long distances. Since both exams involve young students, being accompanied by their parents is common and there will be intercity movement of at least 10 to 15 lakh people.

Who stands to gain if exams are held in September? Can we not wait any longer? The students and their parents are indeed in a state of panic and anxiety as they do not want to miss an academic year. They are thus forced to look beyond the health and well-being aspects. The problems are being compounded by an apathetic approach by the Ministry of Education. Allaying the fears of all stakeholders is the responsibility of the ministry and for that to happen, their team needs to provide end-to-end visibility of how they plan to ensure justice for everyone. And with the college session start date nowhere in sight, this seems more of a mad rush.

I suggest an empathetic approach, a deeper dive into understanding the logistical challenges and propose the following roadmap to tackle the current situation to ensure justice is served to all stakeholders, both in the short-term and long-term:

The cut-throat exam competition in our country already makes the situation emotionally taxing, with as few as 1% of the students finally getting through in certain entrance exams. Imagine adding two other dimensions to the puzzle: uncertainty and risks to well-being

1) Resolve:

a) Build a robust roadmap: When an army marches into a state of war, it enters the battlefield with a plan to win the war, not just the first hour or day or week. Even in pre-Covid-19 times, the period between the exams and start of session was close to 60 days. With most universities/colleges resorting to virtual teaching at least till December, January is the earliest when the physical sessions may start. The window for these exams being conducted is still open till the end of October.

b) Be resilient: Even in case of virtual classes, set the start date as January for now and take stock regularly. In any case, we need to buy time to prepare better. The number of centres for an exam of the magnitude of JEE seems too low. The centre network needs to be more extensive with a deeper penetration to avoid too much intercity/interstate movement and congestion.

2) Reimagine:

a) Chalk out a two-year curriculum: We have already lost time in this session and are likely to lose more. To make sure the students don't suffer and to allay their fears, work with universities to redesign curriculum—not just for the first year but for at least two, if not more. Lost ground can be gained with smart coordination between all key stakeholders. The detailed curriculum structure will instil confidence in students that they are not losing out on the quality or depth of education that they desire.

b) Work as a team: A chain is as strong as the weakest link. Chalk out minute logistical details with state administrations so that all aspects are meticulously planned and whenever the exams are conducted, the environment is conducive.

3. Deliver:

a) Communicate effectively: I am hugely disappointed at the lack of clear and confident communication about the plan to all stakeholders. I would expect the ministry to lay out the plan in front of these 25 lakh students and put their fears to rest. This would help end all speculations and instil confidence.

It's time we rise above all divisions and ensure these teenagers are shown an example of leadership that they can idolise in the years to come.

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Cong pretends to sleep

Even after two dozen stalwarts signed a letter asking for a proactive, visible leadership, the Congress has refused to see the writing on the wall. (*The main opposition party cannot be waiting for Godot*, Aug 25.) Unfortunately we can only wake up those who are asleep and not those pretending to sleep.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Non-Gandhi leader?

Though it is right that Congress is in need of a non-Gandhi leadership, no such leader with an all-India stature exists today. (*Tragedy and farce in Congress leadership debate*, Aug 25). Sonia Gandhi could have provided a mature leadership, but for her ill health. The only option is to prevail upon Rahul to forget false prestige and take over the reins again.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Make way for youngsters

It is gratifying to note that a few senior members have mustered courage and appealed to the Congress leadership to appoint a permanent head. It is essential that the party looks beyond the family.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Winning back family's trust

The contention that "dissenters have never been able to win back the trust of the Gandhi family" (Aug 25) doesn't hold water. The late Veerendra Patil, former Karnataka CM, who resigned from the Congress and contested in vain against Indira Gandhi in Chikmagalur, returned only to be made a member of the Union Cabinet. A K Antony too rebelled but then became one of the family's trusted men. There are many such instances. In a nutshell, the will of the family prevails.

A Krishnan, Palakkad

Hartal after Saddam's death

The satirical article *I believe the prime minister* (Aug 25) was interesting to read. But it has, inter alia, in a mocking vein said that the CAA, which the PM noted does not affect the 1.3 billion Indians, has evoked large-scale protests. But public protests need not necessarily indicate that the matter will affect Indians. For instance, the death of Saddam Hussein resulted in a Left-sponsored hartal in Kerala, when it was nobody's concern here.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Tackling fire accidents

The inferno in Srisailam is tragic. There is frequent loss of lives due to fire-related accidents. Mere compensation cannot fill the vacuum in the lives of the family members of the deceased.

Angarakarao V, Vizanagaram

Attempt to destabilise J&K

The decision of six political parties in J&K to fight against the Centre's reading down of Article 370 is an attempt to destabilise the peace the state has been experiencing for some months now. It's time political parties realised that what the people of Kashmir need now is not just protests but employment, livelihood and peace.

Bijumon P N, Idukki

Astounding decision

That the six big political parties in J&K including the Congress have vowed to unitedly fight for the restoration of Articles 370 and 35A is astounding. While in power, these parties didn't care about being inclusive. Those from some of these parties even encouraged secessionism while speaking loftily about Kashmiriyat.

S Lakshmi, email

May his tribe increase

Mohammad Sabh Agra's decision to give a government school in Bagalkot district a fresh coat of paint to make his six-year-old son's birthday memorable is wonderful (*For son's birthday, father gets Bagalkot village school painted*, Aug 24). The building where Sabh works as a peon had not been painted for decades. May his tribe increase manifold!

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Lessons for Trump's sister

US President Donald Trump's elder sister Maryanne Trump has said her brother is untrustworthy and has no principles. Our political leaders, too, are more or less like Trump, but their family members never let them down. Maryanne has to learn a lesson or two from India on how to stand by her brother through thick and thin.

P G Menon, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia @JM_Scindia
A three-storey building collapse in Dewas has led to reports of several people trapped under the rubble

DK Shivakumar @DKShivakumar
I had fever and have tested positive for the Corona Virus. I am doing well, but as a precaution have been hospitalized and am under the good care of doctors.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
I am saddened by Mahad's accident. I appeal to the state government to provide help to the injured and trapped people.

'What's wrong in apology, is the word bad?'

Justice Mishra asks if Bhushan can quote Gandhi, why can't he apologise for his tweets; A-G urges SC to let him go

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A three-judge bench of Justices Arun Mishra, B R Gavai and Krishna Murari on Tuesday reserved the verdict on the quantum of punishment to be awarded to advocate Prashant Bhushan in the suo motu contempt of court case for his two tweets. Here is the courtroom exchange:

Justice Mishra asks Attorney General K K Venugopal: Tell us what is to be done.

Venugopal: Give him (Bhushan) a warning and let him go.

Justice Mishra: There is a positive part of the statement by Bhushan in which he says he has faith in this institution. But at the same time he says, he won't apologise since he hasn't made any mistake... If a person says he didn't make a mistake and he won't apologise for it despite repeated opportunities, what will be the purpose of saying don't do it again?

Venugopal: Let the democracy follow in this case when he has exercised his free speech. It will be tremendously appreciated if the court leaves it at that.

Justice Mishra: He has made several disparaging remarks against this institution, judges of this court.

Venugopal: He won't do this again... My Lord, also see all the work he has done, he has filed so many PILs for the benefit of the people.

Justice Mishra: Let him say this. It was so simple. The case was about two tweets but he later has colours to these tweets and filed additional explanations and arguments... AG, your advice should be also for withdrawal of the statements.

Advocate Rajeev Dhavan for Bhushan: My duty as an officer of the court isn't synonymous with my duty as a lawyer for my client. I can't shut my eyes from either of the two. This isn't an offender who doesn't acknowledge his duty towards the court. He has contributed so much to this court. Dhavan reminds Justice Mishra, as a judge in the Calcutta HC, how he let go of Mamata Banerjee after she said all judges were corrupt.

Dhavan: If we read the last order that we give him time to submit an unconditional apology, it looks like as if a contemnor is coerced to give an apology so that it gets over. No court can pass an order like this. It was an exercise in coercion.

If Bhushan's statement is read as a whole, it says he has the highest regard for this institution but he has his opinion about last 4 CJIs and the manner in which this court has gone wrong. We criticise this court when we feel sincere about this institution...Convicting judgment must be recalled. An apology cannot be coerced. This was not scurrilous, this was strong criticism of this court which is shared by several others in this country.

Justice Mishra: If we decide to punish him, what should be the punishment?

Dhavan: A general message, not even a reprimand... If you want to bar him from practice, you will have to hear him first. If you want to impose a jail term, my advice would be don't make Bhushan a martyr. Like what happened after Babri was demolished and Kalyan Singh was convicted of contempt.

Justice Mishra: It was painful to read his reply in justification if his tweets. It was improper. If someone with a standing of 30 years, like Bhushan, says something, people tend to believe him. They will think whatever he is saying is correct. Had it been someone else, it was easier to ignore but when Bhushan says something, it has some effect.

Whatever we have to say, we have to write in our judgments. There are so many things but do we have to go to the press? I will never do that. That's the ethics for judges

For how long the system will suffer all this. I am retiring in a few days. Will it be okay if you or others start attacking me? Why to say you can say anything against retired judges?... What is wrong in apologising? Is this word so bad? If someone has made a mistake, what's wrong in seeking an apology? If you have hurt someone, why can't you apologise? You go on to the extent of quoting Mahatma Gandhi but you can't apologise.

'Bhushan has highest regard for this institution'

Prashant Bhushan's advocate Rajeev Dhavan if Bhushan's statement is read as a whole, it says he has the highest regard for this institution but he has his opinion about last 4 CJIs and how this court has gone wrong. "We criticise this court when we feel sincere about this institution."

Justice Mishra's farewell mired in controversy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DAYS before Justice Arun Mishra is due to retire, controversy around his farewell erupted with a fake statement doing the rounds that the Supreme Court Bar Association's Executive Committee (SCBA) has decided not to hold any farewell for the judge.

Dushyant Dave, president, SCBA, released a statement to dismiss the claim, calling it "false and incorrect".

"It has been brought to my notice by some members of the press that a statement has been issued by the Executive Committee of the SCBA on the issue of farewell to Justice Arun Mishra on his retirement next month," Dave said.

He added: "The information aforesaid is false and incorrect. No such statement has been issued by the EC. In fact, this matter has not been considered by the EC in any meeting. The press release being attributed to the Executive Committee is not genuine and is strongly denied by me on behalf of the EC. I strongly condemn the same as being mischievous and an attempt to malign the SCBA."

TOP COURT REFERS 2009 CONTEMPT CASE AGAINST BHUSHAN TO ANOTHER BENCH

NEW DELHI: Advocate Prashant Bhushan on Tuesday raised questions in the 2009 contempt case against him before the Supreme Court asking whether the expression of a bonafide opinion about the extent of corruption in any section of the judiciary would amount to contempt of court.

"If the answer to question 1 is in the affirmative, whether the person who expresses such an opinion about the extent of corruption in a section of the judiciary is obliged to prove that his opinion is correct or whether it is enough to show that he bonafide held that opinion?" was the follow-up question posed by Bhushan.

The contempt charges pertain to Bhushan's interview to *Tehelka* magazine in 2009 in which he was quoted as saying that half of the 16 chief justices of India till then were corrupt. The court, however, directed listing of the case before another bench on September 10. This is because Justice ArunMishra is due to retire on September 2.

Bhushan also raised questions on a 1995 judgment, which had laid down the in-house procedure for dealing with complaints against judges. He has asked whether this judgment prevents complainants, participants in the procedure and others from discussing the matter in the public domain?

Bhushan's application also asked whether the court can exercise its powers under Article 129 and curtail free speech and expression only to the strict and limited extent permissible under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. *ENS*

Govt announces more centres for JEE, NEET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID rising pressure from various quarters to postpone the Joint Entrance Examination (Main) and the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), the Centre on Tuesday decided to increase the number of centres for these examinations to ensure proper social distancing.

The National Testing Agency under the Union education ministry, which is responsible for organising the tests, said the number of examination centres has been increased from 570 to 660 in case of JEE Main, while it has gone up to 3,843 from 2,546 for NEET.

The agency also said that in case of JEE (Main), the number of shifts has been raised from earlier 8-12, and the number of candidates per shift has been reduced from 1.32 lakh to 85,000.

The NTA said that to ensure proper social distancing inside the examination halls, the candidates will be seated in alternate seats. The number of candidates per room has been reduced from earlier 24 to 12 now. "For ensuring social distancing outside the examination hall, the entry and exit of candidates has been staggered," said a statement by NTA

Monsoon session likely from September 14 to October 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE monsoon session of Parliament is likely to be held for two weeks between September 14 and October 1. As per the norm, there can't be more than six months' gap between two sessions of Parliament.

With the Budget session adjourned sine die on March 23, the two Houses need to meet before September 22. The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs will deliberate on the matter soon.

Sources said a short monsoon session with only four-hour sittings each of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have been planned, with a total of 18 sittings of the two Houses.

The secretariats of the two Houses have made elaborate arrangements to ensure compliance with coronavirus norms. The MPs will be seated in a manner to ensure social distancing by utilising space in chambers and galleries. The number of media persons covering the proceedings will be restricted. Ex-MPs and attendants will not be allowed in Parliament. The government is planning to make use of weekends also.

The government will be keen to push through legislative business for ordinances promulgated during the lockdown.

RS PANEL PICKS 2 OFFICERS TO RECEIVE PLAINTS

New Delhi: In a change of rules for Rajya Sabha, the Ethics Committee of the Upper House has authorised two officers of the RS Secretariat to receive complaints of alleged misconduct and violation of code of conduct against the members, officials said Tuesday. A bulletin was issued to RS members after the Committee decided rules formulated in 2004 that empowered it to do so. At a meeting of the committee last week, it was decided to authorise a director and additional director attached with the committee to receive complaints against members of the House. "By this, the committee has expanded the zone of receipt of complaints since at present, only complaints addressed to the Committee are valid for examination..." the RS secretariat said. The authorisation was done for the first time after 16 years, at the first meeting chaired by committee chairman Shiv Pratap Shukla.

Plasma therapy: Docs await ICMR trial results as confusion grows

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A back and forth by the US on allowing treatment of Covid-19 patients with plasma therapy and a delay in publishing even topline data from a multi-centre randomised control trial by the ICMR seem to have left clinicians in the country confused and uncertain.

Many doctors say the lack of a clear scientific signal, coupled with the tedious process of procuring plasma even as the expectations of patients and their relatives are high once they receive it, make the choice of therapy difficult.

In the US, after first putting the emergency use authorisation for plasma therapy on Covid-19 patients for hold, the government at the behest of President Donald Trump later permitted the same. In India, the national clinical management protocol for the disease permits the therapy as an investigational therapy and there is no conclusive proof yet on its efficacy, leaving treating physicians unsure on its usefulness.

"The hype around has led to a lot of patients driven care and put pressure on us doctors as well," said Dr Anupam Singh in Ghaziabad who has been treating Covid-19 patients. "Many patients demand plasma based on news reports, even in subgroups where plasma is less likely to work, for example very early or very late in the disease."

Dr Aparna Mukherjee, lead investigator of the ICMR trial, said the analysis of the data is taking time in assessing the difference between the mortality rates between the two groups. "We are hoping to put out the results by the end of this week," she said.

A health worker collects swab sample from a woman for Covid-19 test in Ranchi | PTI

2nd national sero survey to be completed by Sept first week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A second round of national sero survey to assess the real Covid19 infection size in the country will be completed by September first week, ICMR director general Dr Balram Bhargava announced on Tuesday.

Sources in the National Institute of Epidemiology, which will lead the survey, said the exercise will be carried out in the same 70 districts across 21 states where it was done last time.

The study will involve testing 28,000 samples for antibodies against SARS CoV-2, with 400 samples collected from every district surveyed.

> **The idea is to check the growth in the virus size as compared to last time and that's why the same districts, where the situation might have changed from the last survey**
>
> ICMR-NIE scientist

"The idea is to check the growth in the real infection size as compared to last time and that's why the same districts, where the situation might have changed from the last survey," said a scientist with the ICMR-NIE. The difference this time will be that more than one sample per family will be collected and adolescents will also be included, said the scientist.

Dr Bhargava in a press briefing said the full paper from the last sero survey,carried out in May has been peer reviewed twice and will be published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research by this weekend.

This national survey follows various seroprevalence studies carried out in high-burden cities such as Mumbai, Delhi and Pune which have shown that the cases detected so far are a small fraction of the real infection exposure.

Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said while tests have increased exponentially, there has been a steady decline in the positivity rate. The active cases are only 22.2% of the total while the recovery rate is now more than 75%.

CHORUS AGAINST JEE, NEET EXAMS

As students across the country are protesting against Centre's decision of conduct the JEE Main and NEET UG examinations amid soaring Covid-19 cases, Opposition leaders such as Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, Asaduddin Owaisi, Tejashwi Yadav, Aaditya Thackeray and Manish Sisodia and a few parties in the NDA have jumped into the fray requesting the government to postpone the entrance tests. On Tuesday, Swedish teen climate change campaigner Greta Thunberg also threw her weight behind postponing the examinations, saying it is "deeply unfair" that students are asked to appear in the tests during the pandemic. The examinations are scheduled in September.

MK STALIN, DMK PRESIDENT

No decision should be made in haste putting the lives of students at stake. The government should act keeping the well-being and future of students in mind. In the light of the severe difficulties explained above, I sincerely request you to postpone the JEE, NEET until COVID-19 is brought under control.

MAMATA BANERJEE, WEST BENGAL CM

Now with the directive of Ministry of Education to conduct NEET, JEE 2020 in September, I would again appeal to the Centre to assess the risk and postpone these examinations until the situation is conducive again.. It is our duty to ensure a safe environment for all our students.

NAVEEN PATNAIK, ODISHA CM

It would be highly unsafe and perilous for the students... Odisha has got vast tribal pockets having geographically inaccessible areas...the students their may be deprived of appearing in these tests, as they will have to travel long distances to come to the examination centres.

RAHUL GANDHI, CONGRESS LEADER

Government of India must listen to the #StudentsKeMannKiBaat about NEET, JEE exams and arrive at an acceptable solution.

MAYAWATI, BSP CHIEF

I would like to tell the lakhs of students appearing for NEET and JEE to put in their best efforts and prepare well for exams. Also, I would like to ask the concerned authorities to take all precautions & ensure safe conduct of exams amid Covid-19 pandemic.

AADITYA THACKERAY, SHIV SENA LEADER

I have written to the PM Narendra Modi on the health risks that the proposed exams of various streams, and entrance exams, would have for students and families across India and for his personal intervention.

CHIRAG PASWAN, LJP LEADER

Wrote to the Education Minister highlighting concerns of parents about JEE and NEET.

EXPRESS READ

'Pak falsely claimed it made statement at UN'

India has hit out at Pakistan over lies peddled by its mission at UNSC, saying the biggest sponsor of cross-border terrorism against it now tries to masquerade itself as a victim of terror. In a statement, the Indian Mission said Pakistan has put out a false statement claiming that their envoy Munir Akram spoke at the UNSC while the session was not open to non-members. "The biggest sponsor of cross-border terrorism against India now tries to masquerade itself as a victim of terrorism," the statement said.

`50K cr road projects in MP by 2023: Gadkari

Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said road projects worth ₹50,000 crore would be completed in Madhya Pradesh by 2023 and assured the state of having a world-class highway network within two years. The minister made the announcement while virtually inaugurating 44 highway projects worth ₹11,000 crore in the state. "Highway projects entailing an investment of ₹1.25 lakh crore are underway in the state at present," he said.

Interpol issues global arrest warrant against Nirav's wife

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

The Interpol has issued a global arrest warrant against Ami Modi, wife of prime accused in the ₹13,500 crore PNB fraud case Nirav Modi, on charges of money laundering, officials said on Tuesday.

They said the 'red notice' has been issued by the global police body on the request of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Once such a notice issued against a fugitive, the Interpol asks its 192-member countries to arrest or detain the person if spotted in their countries after which extradition or deportation proceedings can begin.

Ami Modi is stated to have left country soon after the alleged bank fraud case came into light in 2018. The ED has charged Ami Modi for conspiring and money laundering with her husband and jeweller Nirav Modi apart from his uncle Mehul Choksi and others under the PMLA. Nirav is currently lodged in a UK jail after being arrested in London in March, 2019 and is currently fighting extradition to India.

He has been declared a fugitive economic offender by a Mumbai court early this year and the court had also ordered confiscation of his assets. The ED has confiscated about ₹329 crore of his linked properties. Similar Interpol notices have been earlier been issued against Nirav's brother Nehal Modi and sister Purvi Modi.

ASSAM POLLS

Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma made it clear that all sitting BJP MLAs would not get poll tickets. "The BJP doesn't look at anyone's face," he said, adding that decision will be based on assessment.

1 KILLED IN LANDSLIDE IN UTTARAKHAND

Ahmedabad	33	25	Mumbai	31	25
Bhopal	28	23	Panaji	31	25
Jaipur	29	24	Patna	34	26
Amritsar	32	26	Lucknow	32	25
Chennai	35	27	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	31	25	Imphal	32	23
Srinagar	28	20	Chandigarh	33	27

JAISH CADRES TRAINING AT AL QAEDA CAMPS: NIA

NIA chargesheets Azhar, 2 brothers; says JeM recruits are training at Taliban camps in Afghanistan

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE Jaish-e-Mohammad had plans to carry out a second terror strike after the Pulwama attack of 2019 but it called it off due to international pressure and India's aggressive actions like the Balakot strike, according to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The NIA on Tuesday filed a chargesheet in the terror attack which claimed the lives of 40 CRPF soldiers, naming JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar and two of his brothers Rauf Azghar and Maulana Mohammed Ammar as the masterminds of the attack. According to the NIA, the trio was continuously giving directions and guidance to Pakistani terrorists who had infiltrated into India for the purpose.

The NIA has charged a total of 19 accused for carrying out one of the deadliest attacks in Jammu and Kashmir - seven Pakistanis and 12 locals. While seven of accused have been killed, seven are under arrest and five are absconding.

The NIAsaid that JeM is sending its cadres to the terrorist training camps of Al Qaeda, Taliban, JeM and Haqqani-JeM in Afghanistan for training in explosives and other terrorist tactics. Maulana Mashood Azhar's nephew Mohammad Umar Farooq, who is described as the main accused, was in Afghanistan for explosive training in 2016-17, as per the NIA. Farooq, who was the main assembler of the IED used in the attack, made two IEDs in a very few days for the Pulwama attack.

The plan execution began with the infiltration of Farooq who entered India through International Border at Jammu-Samba sector in April 2018 and took over as Jaish commander of Pulwama. While seven accused are in NIA custody, seven are dead, killed in encounters with the security forces and five are absconding.

MASTERMINDS AND OPERATIVES

MASOOD AZHAR ALVI
Absconding
Pak national, Founder of JeM
Role: Mastermind of Pulwama attack; gave orders to Pak terrorists

AMMAR ALVI
Absconding
Pak national, Azhar's brother
Role: Mastermind; was continuously giving directions to Pak terrorists who had infiltrated

MUHAMMAD UMAR FAROOQ
Killed
Pak national
Role: Main accused. Was the main assembler of the IED; convinced Adil to become fidayeen.

MOHD KAMRAN ALI
Killed
Pak national
Role: IED expert who was instrumental in assembling the explosives

MOHD ISMAIL
Absconding
Pak national
Role: Helped in making IED

ADIL AHMED DAR
Killed
Resident of Kakapora, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Was the suicide bomber who rammed the explosive laden vehicle into the CRPF convoy

SHAKIR BASHIR
Arrested
Resident of Kakapora, J&K
Role: Bomb making happened at his residence; also procured gloves, battery, and ammonium powder that was used for IED

INSHA JAN
Arrested
Resident of Kakapora, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Bomb making happened at her residence

BILAL AHMED KUCHHEY
Arrested
Resident of Hajibal, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Provided logistical support to Umer Farooq and others; procured high-end mobile phones for Jaish

SAMEER AHMAD DAR
Absconding
Resident of Kakapora, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Made the bomb with Mohammad Umar and Adil

ROUF ASGAR ALVI
Absconding
Pak national, Azhar's brother
Role: Mastermind; was continuously giving directions and guidance to Pak terrorists who had infiltrated

ASHAQ AHMED NENGROO
Absconding
Resident of Rajpura, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Facilitated other accused in travel and logistics

SAJJAD AHMED BHAT
Killed
Resident of Bijbehera, Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Purchased the Maruti EECO car that was used in carrying out the IED attack

MOHD IQBAL RATHER
Arrested
Resident of Charar-e-Shareef, Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir
Role: Facilitated the movement of Farooq and provided him with shelter in the Valley

MUDASIR AHMAD KHAN
Killed
Resident of Awantipura, Pulwama, J&K
Role: Facilitated other accused in travel and logistics

MOHD ABBAS RATHER
Arrested
Resident of Kakapura, J&K
Role: Facilitated other accused in travel and logistics

PEER TARIQ AHMED SHAH
Arrested
Resident of Kakapora, Pulwama, J&K
Role: Provided logistics and harboured JeM terrorists in his house

WAIZ-UL-ISLAM
Arrested
Resident of Srinagar, J & K
Role: Facilitated other accused in travel and logistics

QARI YASIR
Killed
Pak national
Role: Helped in making IED

Rescue personnel sift through rubble in search of survivors at the site of building collapse in Mahad on Tuesday | PTI

Boy pulled out 18 hrs after collapse; mom, sisters dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

NDRF personnel had a bittersweet moment at Maharashtra's Raigad district on Tuesday when they rescued a four-year-old boy alive from the rubble of a five-storey building in which the toll rose to 13.

Though Mohammed Nadim Bangi was found nearly 18 hours hour after the building collapsed in Mahad town, around 170 km from Mumbai, his mother and two sisters were not lucky. Their bodies were recovered from the spot soon after the boy was rescued from a space between two broken pillars, rescuers said.

"The miracle boy has been rescued alive. He is God's child," NDRF director-general Satya Narayan Pradhan said.

The boy's father works in Dubai and reached Mahad on Tuesday afternoon, the police said.

The NDRF, police, locals, and dog squads were working relentlessly to rescue the people trapped under the debris. Thirteen heavy duty excavators and other vehicles were engaged in removing debris at the collapse site.

Probe, meanwhile, revealed that the Tareq Garden building was built only 10 years ago. Police registered a case against five people, including the architect and the builder of the building.

Minister of relief and rehabilitation Vijay Wadettiwar announced ₹4 lakh in ex gratia to the families of the deceased families while those injured will get ₹1.50 lakh each.

Wadettiwar said the government will take strict action against the developer. "We have asked the district collector to lodge the complaint against the developer," Wadettiwar said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi appealed to the Maharashtra government for providing all assistance to the people injured or trapped in the building collapse in Raigad at the earliest.

Six arrested for scribe's murder in Uttar Pradesh

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

SIX people have been arrested for killing TV journalist Ratan Singh, 42, in his village Phephna in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district late Monday night.

Ballia SP Devenra Nath has suspended the Phephna station house officer and sent him to lines for dereliction of duty. The police had arrested three main accused on Monday night. The other three were arrested on Tuesday. In all, 10 persons were booked for the murder.

CM Yogi Adityanath has announced an ex gratia of ₹10 lakh to the bereaved family.

ADG (law and order) Prashant Kumar said Ratan had a land dispute with his neighbour. DIG, Azamgarh Range, Subhash Chandra Dubey said: "A preliminary probe suggests the two sides had fought over a piece of land in December. Both sides had lodged FIRs, but after probe, Ratan Singh's name was removed from the FIR." He said on Monday, the two sides had a verbal spat over a trivial issue. The accused chased and shot the scribe dead.

UP Minister Anand Swarup Shukla during his visit to Ballia | PTI

The victim's father, however, claimed that a person known to the family took Ratan along to his house where all the assailants were present. "The assailants chased him to the house of village head and shot him dead," the distraught father said.

I-T RAIDS

Builder's ops under lens in Bhopal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

OVER half of the around 100 properties worth around ₹150 crore under the scanner of Income Tax department searches on two builders-realtors in Bhopal are suspected to be *benami* properties, sources said.

Unaccounted money of rich and influential people, particularly retired bureaucrats and police officers, are suspected to have been parked in these properties. Sources said the I-T department searches have led to a major bulk of suspected benami properties in perhaps the first such investigation in MP and Chhattisgarh.

Among the two raided groups, 90% of the suspected benami properties are linked to a group headed by a bangle shop owner-turned-realtor, and 10% are linked to the other group headed by a builder, considered close to a MP minister.

The ongoing probe has revealed that the Old Bhopal-based realtor ventured into the sector in 2004 and rose rapidly, possibly due to involvement of some senior bureaucrats, who are now retired. The young builder's business seems to have worked as a conduit for parking unaccounted money in benami properties over the last 6-7 years.

J&K govt fast-tracks domicile certificates

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE J&K government is fast-tracking the issuance of domicile certificates, fixing a time limit of five days from the current 15.

"Government fixes a time limit of 5 working days for issuing a domicile certificate to Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC holders) and migrants," the government's information department tweeted on Tuesday.

The fixing of the new time limit comes after Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday directed officers to speed up the process of issuance and delivery of domicile certificates. He had directed officials to ensure seamless issuance of domicile certificates for PRC holders without requiring additional documents.

After the scrapping of Articles 370 and 35A, which granted special status and special privileges to J&K residents, the Centre in May introduced a domicile law to safeguard the interests of the local population.

As per the domicile law, all those in J&K for 15 years are entitled to a domicile certificate. Central government officials, all India service officers, officials of PSUs, autonomous bodies of the Central government, public sector banks, statutory bodies, Central universities and recognised research institutes of the Central government who have served in J&K for 10 years, are eligible for the certificate. Besides, those who have studied for seven years and appeared in Class X/XII examination in J&K are also domiciles.

> **Government fixes a time limit of 5 working days for issuing a domicile certificate to Permanent Resident Certificate (PRC holders) and migrants**
> J&K info department

EXPRESS READ

Sarma announces decision not to contest Assam assembly polls; to focus on clinching 100+ seats

Guwahati: Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said he was not keen on contesting the state polls due early next year. "As I have already indicated in several public platforms that I am not interested in contesting next assembly election; my role will be limited to contribute whatever I can for my party and for my state. For Assam future, we need to have a strong nationalist govt," he tweeted. Sarma, the face of the BJP in the Northeast, asserted that he was focused on clinching 100 of the 126 seats in the polls. "A few people feel that I am after some post and position. My only ambition is to see a BJP GOVT with 100+ seats. In my last few months, I want to work for my state as much as possible to have eternal satisfaction," he said in another tweet. There has always been a perception that the BJP will use Sarma, who is a master strategist known for his political acumen, at the national level.

Punjab goes online for paddy procurement

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AMID COVID-19, Punjab is expected to procure a record 170 lakh Metric Tonnes (MTs) of paddy and the state is set to go online with rice delivery operations, including allotment, registration and physical verification of rice mills through videos, as part of the new milling policy for kharif 2020-21.

The government will launch a dedicated portal *www.anaajkharid.in*, as per a state cabinet decision. The cabinet approved the policy, aimed at ensuring seamless milling of paddy and delivery of rice into the central pool from over 4,150 mills operating in Punjab.

The state is expected to procure 170 lakh MTs of paddy during kharif season beginning October 1. The target was to complete the custom milling of paddy, thereby delivering all due rice to FCI by March 31, 2021.

The whole gamut of yearly procurement operations — from allotment of mills, their registration, application of release order, deposit of RO fee and levy, besides all important monitoring of stocks — will be done online on a continuous basis.

All the state procuring agencies — Pungrain, Markfed, Punsup, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation — FCI and the rice millers as well as all other stakeholders will operate and interact on the website, with the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, acting as the nodal department.

Under the policy, the sole criterion for the allotment of free paddy to mills would be the performance in the previous year. An additional percentage-wise incentive would be provided to mills as per their date of delivery of rice against milling of custom milled paddy. Mills which completed milling by January 31 would be eligible for an additional 15% of free paddy milled in 2019-20.

Word of praise for RHB Commissioner

As the Rajasthan Housing Board took a big leap this week, its Commissioner Pawan Arora got a big boost from CM Ashok Gehlot . After the foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremony, Gehlot was effusive in his praise of Arora. "Every person dreams of having his own house. We are committed to fulfill this dream of people." Earlier the RHB was seen as a white elephant by the previous government which had almost closed it, Gehlot added. But with the will of the present government and dedication of the officers and staff of the RHB, the Board has got a new life, he said.

JAIPUR DIARY

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Art, culture secy conducts special astrology session

In Rajasthan, Art and Culture secretary Mugdha Sinha was seen recently in a special role. Mugdha, the Literary Secretary of the state IAS Association, was seen in conversation with Vedic astrologer Medha on a live chat on the IAS Literary Society Facebook page. During the lively chat, Medha asserted that astrology is like a user manual guide and it's much older than astronomy. The session became interesting since Mugdha is knowledgeable in this field. During the session, Mugdha also revealed how planets influenced her life during various *dashas*. Overall, in her new role, Mugdha was able to present a refreshingly different session this time that got much applause from astrology followers for her in-depth knowledge of astrology.

Another bureaucratic reshuffle in Rajasthan

As soon as the Rajasthan political crisis got over, CM Ashok Gehlot surprised everyone by going in for a major reshuffle of bureaucracy. Besides shifting two Additional Chief Secretaries (ACSs) and a Principal Secretary, 11 new IAS officers were given their first postings. The most talked-about transfer is that of ACS Rohit Singh, who was shifted from the Home to Panchayati Raj Department within 46 days. Similarly, Abhay Kumar was shifted from IT to transport and he will also handle the DPR. ACS Rajeshwar Singh was moved from Panchayati Raj to Tribal Region Development Department.

Pilot attends event, Gehlot missing

On the 76th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, Sachin Pilot visited the PCC office in Jaipur for the first time since his revolt in mid-July. At the PCC office, Pilot was welcomed by the man who has replaced him as state Congress chief, GS Dotasra. Pilot congratulated his successor, and the two were seen smiling and holding light-hearted talks. But there is one notable absentee — CM Ashok Gehlot. It was learnt that Gehlot called off his visit at the last moment, triggering a fresh round of speculations in political circles.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that **Y.Bhaskar,** S/o.Narayana, R/at 70/71, 4th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560 024 has Mortgaged the property mentioned in the schedule for Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five Crores Only) in favour of my client Amrish Pipada, S/o.Dulraj Pipada, R/at No.507/508, corporate Center, Nirmal Life Style, LBS Marg, Mulund (West), Mumbai-400 080 vide registered Mortgage Deed dated:11-10-2019 registered on 16-10-2019 as Document No.SHR-I-02918/2019-2020 of Book-I, Stored in CD No.SHRD 336 registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Shanthinagar), Bengaluru. The said Y.Bhaskar has clandestinely sold the part of the schedule property in favour of GOVERNMENT SOAP FACTORY EMPLOYEES HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED vide registered sale deed dated 24-12-2019 registered on 31-12-2019 registered as document No.SHR-1-04292/2019-2020 of Book-I, Stored in CD No.SHRD 392 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Shanthinagar), Bengaluru. The mortgage is not yet discharged and the sale deed is in contravention of Section 53 of Transfer of Property Act 1882 and therefore the General Public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property with **Y.BHASKAR and GOVERNMENT SOAP FACTORY EMPLOYEES HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.** The persons entering with transaction with them will be doing so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy No.50/1, situated at Kenchanapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 3 Acres 19 Guntas, bounded on:

East by : Sabjan's Property
West by : Property of T.Srinivasagowda
North by : Property of Dasegowda
South by: Property of Anjinappa and Channappa

N. Mahendranath, Advocate
#2, 2nd Floor, Karagappa Residency, Karagappa Garden, S.R.Nagar, Bengaluru-560 027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **MRS. ANKITA BAGADE @ ANKITA AJIT BAGADE,** Aged about 52 years, W/o Sri. Ajit Bagade, D/o Mr. Bhimrao Narayan Kakde, residing at No.463, 5th Main Road, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 7 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing New Municipal No.2CC-828 at HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Bangalore having PID No.88-250-2CC-828 in Ward No.88-Banaswadi (earlier Site bearing No.2CC-828, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Block-I, situated at Hennur Road Banaswadi Road Extension, Bangalore), measuring East to West 9.15 Metres and North to South 12.20 Metres, totally measuring 111.63 Sq.Mtrs., and bounded on as follows: East by : Site No.2CC-830, West by : Site No.2CC-826, North by : 2C Cross Road, South by : Site No.2BC-827.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JANARDHANAN SHOBHANA DEVI,** R/o #31, and 32, Hill side Meadows, M S playa, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my name as **SOBHANA DEVI T V,** vide affidavit dated 18-08-2020 sworn before Notary K.C.Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

NAME CHANGE

I (Old Name) Xavier Anand Residing No.1, 20th Cross, Old Bagaluru Layout, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore-84 have changed my name from old name Xavier Anand to Anand .J (New Name) vide affidavit dated 24 Aug20. Sworn before Notary Uday Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AMRENDRA KUMAR OJHA,** S/o Ravindra Kumar Ojha, residing at SMQ, No. 133/3, Red Quarter MTC Command Hospital AF, Agram post Bengaluru-560007, have changed my name from **AMRENDRA KUMAR OJHA** to **AMARENDRA KUMAR OJHA (CORRECT NAME),** vide affidavit dated 21.08.2020, before notary public Advocate **O.S. CHENGAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jems Staleen Chellappa, aged about 21 years, S/o. Mr. Chellappa Jepal, R/at # 302, Om Krupalaya Gents PG, KIADB Industrial Area, Whitefield, Bengaluru 560048. I have changed my name from **'JEMS STALEEN CHELLAPPA' to 'JEMS STALEEN J CHELLAPPA'** Vide affidavit dated 25.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Indira S.S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MONALI BHANDARI,** resident of No.295, Rama Iyenger Road, Vishveshwara puram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560004, I have changed my name from **MONALI** to **MONALI BHANDARI,** Vide affidavit dated 24.08.2020, before Advocate & Notary **C.K. ANUPAMA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Sripriya K, D/o. Krishna Murthy, R/at No.38E, 1st Cross, 5th Main, Prakash Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru 560021. After my Re-marriage my husband's name has been changed from **'KUMAR. K' to 'RAM PRAKASH BALLAL'** Also changed my child's name as **'Pratham R Ballal, S/o. Ram Prakash Ballal'** In all future documents / records. Vide affidavit dated 24.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Aruna.V, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NANDINI KALBURGI,** aged 46 years, W/o. **Venkatesh Shyamrao,** residing at No.11, 8th A-Cross, Cholurupalya, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, have changed my name to **NANDINI KALBURGI VENKATESH** vide affidavit dated 24-08-2020 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Shobha Rathod, W/o. Hemanth Kumar S, R/at No.369, 4th B Cross, 2nd Main, 5th Block, Near Kattriguppe Big Bazare, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085. I have changed my name from **'SHOBHA' to 'Mrs. SHOBHA RATHOD'** Vide affidavit dated 24.08.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Aruna.V, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

"I, **JOHN QUADROS,** have on this 25th day of August 2020, changed my name to **JOHN BAPTIST QUADROS,** Vide affidavit No. IN-KA05786917792881S, before Mr. G. S Raju, Notary Public, Bengaluru".

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) VENKATESH.R,** Residing at No. 18/1, Bande Bommasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) VENKATESH DANIEL.R** vide affidavit Dated 20/08/20 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

"I, **RUTH SUKRITHI NUTALAPATI,** have on this 25th day of August 2020 , changed my name to **RUTH SUKRUTHI NUTHALAPATI,** Vide affidavit dated 25th August 2020 , before Mr. G. S. Raju , Notary Public, Bengaluru".

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, LOGANATHAN J K, S/o. J Kuppuswamy, residing at No. 11, Vellariamman Temple Street, Vannarpet, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560047, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as I declare that my name entered in Aadhar, Voter ID & PAN document as **LOGANATHAN J K,** But in my Kotak Mahindra Bank Passbook my name entered as **J K LOHANATHAN,** That both **LOGANATHAN J K & J K LOHANATHAN** refers to the same person i.e. myself That all the above two names refers to one and the same person i.e. myself only, vide affidavit Dated 22/07/2020 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHWINEE AVINASH PUNDE,** aged about 25 yrs, wife of Sri. Avinash Dinakar Punde, residing at No. 2393, Near Akkol High School, Akkol, Belagavi – 591211, have changed my name from **PADEKAR ASHWINEE BALASO to ASHWINEE AVINASH PUNDE** vide affidavit dated 24/08/2020 which was duly notarized before Notary Public M S Satish.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M John Prabhu** (old name) S/o Odandi Muniswamy R/a at No 920, Chamunni Nilaya, Govt Hospital Road, Old Town Bhadravathi Shivamogga Karnataka-577301, I have changed my name as **M. Prabhu** Vide Affidavit dated 24/08/2020 sworn before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

Change of Name

I, SHRIYA ANAND BHAMBORE, D/O Anand B.V residing at No. 26, 3rd Cross, lakeshore Garden, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura post, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name from Shriya Bhombore to Shriya Anand Bhambore vide affidavit dated 25-08-2020 Sworn before Notary K.C.Pemmaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rekha Shivakumar Palabhavimath, W/o Shivakumar Gurulingayya Palabhavimath R/at No. 3400, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore-560021 have changed my name from **Rekha Prakash Math** to **Rekha Shivakumar Palabhavimath** vide affidavit dated: 24.08.2020 sworn before Notary D.P. Jyothi, Bangalore.

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E- AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable property described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions.

1.	Names and Address of the secured creditor	**Canara Bank, E Syndicate Bank Anekal Branch 10437, Newpet, Near New Bustand, Anekal-562106 Ph No. 080-27859237 M- 9449860043 email:cb10437@canarabank.com**
2	Names and Address of the Borrower	**1) M/s. K N Fashion Paradise, Prop: Mr. N Subramanian** S/o Mr. Nanjundappa, Near Syndicate Bank, Old Post Office Road, Newpet, Anekal - 562106. **2) Mr. Nanjundappa** S/o Late. Muniyappa Karpur Village, Besthamanahalli Post, Anekal.
3.	Total liabilities as on **31/07/2020**	**Rs. 19,36,571.16** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One and Paisa sixteen Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest there on.
4.	Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender and Submission of EMD	**26.09.2020 up to 4.00 P M**
5.	Address in which the online tender to be submitted	**The Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, E Syndicate Bank Anekal Branch 10437 Newpet, Near New Bustand, Anekal-562106 Ph No. 080-27859237 M- 9449860043 email:cb10437@canarabank.com**
6.	Date and time of e-auction (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid)	**28.09.2020 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM**
6a	Portal for E-auction	**https://indianbankseauction.com**

6b: Details of property: Description of the Immovable property Vacant Site: Vacant Site bearing No.04 and Municipal Assement Serial No.1131/4179/4 formed in the converted land measuring 0.31 guntas in Sy No.92 Situated at Subbaiah Layout Haldenahalli Village), near Veera Anjaneya Layout, Ward No. 8/4, Anekal Town Measuring 12.20 X 9.15 Meters (1200 Sq Feet) and bounded on : East by: Sri Hanuman Layout, West by: 20 feet Road, North by: Site No.3, South by: Site No. 5.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.7,02,000 /-(Rupees Seven Lakh Two Thousan Only) EMD - Rs.70,200/-(Rupees Seventy Thousand Two Hundred only)

7. Other terms and conditions:

The auction sale will be online e-auction-through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com**

a) The properties will be sold in "As is where is & as is what is" condition including encumbrances, if any.
b) The property can be inspected on **19/09/2020 between 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM** with prior appointment.
c) The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, but bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs.10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only).
d) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED, Bangalore (Contact no 9480691777/8553643144, e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in**
e) Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
f) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED.**
g) EMD shalt be deposited by way of DD favouring **Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Anekal Branch** OR through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer)** to credit the account number **04373020000013, Canara Bank, Anekal Branch, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE IFSC:SYNB0000437**(in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) before submitting the bids online.
h) Bids shall be submitted through online with relevant details.
I) A copy of the bid form along with the enclosure submitted on line shall be forwarded to the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Anekal Branch, Bangalore** (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) immediately.
j) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
k) The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by parties shall be forfeited.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges and TDS amount as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
m) It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue/dues to any local authority and any/all such taxes, revenue/dues to any local/statutory authority, if any, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
n) Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.
o) The intending bidder/s shall also attach a copy of the PAN Card issued by the income Tax department and his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Passport, Driving license, etc.

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1.	Names and Address of the secured creditor	**Canara Bank, Sarjapur Branch 10657, No 932/1034 Sarjapur, Bangalore Road Opp IOC petrol bunk Sarjapur Bangalore 562125, 080-27823212-M-9449862018, email:cb10657@canarabank.com**
2	Names and Address of the Borrower	**1) M/s. Sri Annapoorneshwari Enterprises** A partnership firm Having its address at : Sy No,472/1C, Sarjapura Village & Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District 562 125 **PAN:ARJPK1849D. 2) Smt. Uma Devi** W/o. H.S. Basavaraju Partner of M/s. Sri Annapoorneshwari Enterprises Haragadde Village and Post Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Urban 562 125 **3) Sri Umesh Kumar S N** S/o. Nagaraju Partner of M/s. Sri Annapoorneshwari Enterprises No.1837, 62th Cross. Vidyanagara Near Sub-Registrar Officer Sarjapura Village & Post Bangalore Urban 562 125. Bangalore 560 011. **4) Sri Nagaraju** S/o. Gangappa Partner of M/s. Sri Annapoorneshwari Enterprises No.1837, 62th Cross, Vidyanagara, Near Sub-Registrar Officer Sarjapura Village & Post Bangalore Urban 562 125 Bangalore 560 011. **5) Shri Rajashekar** S/o. Late Lingareddy R/a: Ittangur Road, Sarjapur Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District — 562 125.
3.	Total liabilities as on **01.05.2019**	**Rs.1,07,28,267.49/-** (Rupees One Crores Seven Lacs Twenty eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven and paise Forty Nine Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest there on.
4.	Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender and Submission of EMD	**25.09.2020 up to 4.00 PM**
5.	Address in which the online tender to be submitted	The Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Sarjapur Branch 10657, No 932/1034 Sarjapur, Bangalore Road Opp IOC petrol bunk Sarjapur Bangalore 562125
6.	Date and time of e-auction (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid)	**28.09.2020 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM**
6a	Portal for E-auction	**https://indianbankseauction.com**

6b: Details of property: Description of the Immovable property All that piece and parcel of immovable property Site No. 1074, Assessment No. 1070/C, e-Khatha No. 150200102300101752, Conversion No. ALN.SR.14/1988- 89, Sarjapura Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on : East by: Saliga's Land, West by: Land belongs to V Srinivas, North by: Land belongs to V Srinivas South by: Road.

RESERVE PRICE: RS.96,00,000/-(Rupees Ninty Six lacs only), EMD - RS.9,60,000/-(Rupees Nine lacs Sixty thousand only)

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e) Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
f) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED.**
g) EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring **Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Sarjapur Branch** OR through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 06573020000020, Canara Bank, Sajrapur Branch, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE IFSC:SYNB0000657** (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) before submitting the bids online.
h) Bids shall be submitted through online with relevant details.
I) A copy of the bid form along with the enclosure submitted on line shall be forwarded to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Sarjapur Branch, Bangalore (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) immediately.
j) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
k) The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by parties shall be forfeited.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges and TDS amount as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
m) It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue/dues to any local authority and any/all such taxes, revenue/dues to any local/statutory authority, if any, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
n) Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.
o) The intending bidder/s shall also attach a copy of the PAN Card issued by the income Tax department and his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Passport, Driving license, etc.

Contact person: Canara Bank, Sarjapur Branch, Contact Person Gitanjali Srivatsava, 080-27823212 M-9449862018 e-mail : cb10657@canarabank.com
M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD Contact Person Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H Mobile: 9480691777 / 8553643144 Email: eauction@ccsl.co.in Website: https://indianbankseauction.com

Date: 25.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

IDFC First Bank Limited

(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

IDFC FIRST Bank

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	10034886288	Overdraft Facility	1. M/s. Hi-Tech Multilaterals India Pvt. Ltd. 2. Mr. Shailesh Pooncha 3. Mrs. Sujaya Anil 4. Mr. Bhuvanesh Pooncha	13.08.2020	Rs. 1,41,94,190.00	1) All That Part And Parcel Of Property Located At No. 141, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Mathru Layout, Municipal Khata No.524/522/499/415/428 (earlier To That Bearing Municipal Khata No. 499/415/428 Assigened By Yelahanka City Municipal Concil And Earlier To That Bearing Khata No. 415/425/16b/141) Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560090.admeasuring Area 1260 Sq.ft., Bounded As Following: East : Site No.142, West : Mother Dairy Compound , North : Road, South : Site No.140 2) All That Part And Parcel Of Property Located At Plot No. 27, Property No.172-1b, Property Pid No.151100201600220215, Ammunji Village, Kuriyangala Grama Panchaythi, Bantwala Taluk, Pane Mangalore Hobli, Dakshina Kannada District, Admeasuring Area 202.34. Sq. Mt. And Bounded As Following: East : Road And Property No.172-1a, West : Portion Of The Same Survey Number , North : Portion Of The Same Survey Number, South : Portion Of The Same Survey Number

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd)

Date : 26.08.2020
Place : Bengaluru

LAKSHMI VILAS BANK

STRESSED ASSETS & RECOVERY
Regional Office: #93, II Floor, TKN Mansion, Opp: KSRTC Central Office
K. H. Road, Bengaluru – 560027. Phone: 080-46766318,
Email: bangalorerorecovery@lvbank.in

APPENDIX- IV-A

[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Lakshmi Vilas Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 01-10-2020, for recovery of ₹ 5,06,25,276.00 (Rupees five crore six lac twenty five thousand two hundred seventy six only) as on 16-06-2017 the date of OA 731/2017 and interest due from 17-06-2017 and other costs and charges due to Lakshmi Vilas Bank, City Market Branch, the Secured Creditor from Borrowers M/s Maa Ashapura Enterprises, No. 10, 1st Cross, M. T. Street, BVK Iyengar Road, Bengaluru-560053, Represented by its proprietrix Smt Anitha Bhandari, W/o Sri Lalit Kumar Bhandari, No.11, Durgani Nivas, 2nd Floor, 24th Cross. Kilari Road, Chikpet, Bengaluru-560053 and Guarantors Sri Lalith Kumar Bhandari, S/o Sri Mishrimal Bhandari, No.11, Durgani Nivas,2nd Floor, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Chikpet, Bengaluru-560053 and Sri Jitendra Bhandari, S/o Sri Mishrimal, F-301, Marigold Block, ETA Star Garden Apartment, K. P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru -560023.

Date of E-Auction	**01-10-2020 at 12:00 PM**
Last Date, Time and Place for receipt of EMD	**30-09-2020,** before 3:00 PM, Lakshmi Vilas Bank, City Market Branch, OTC Nagarathpet Main Road, PB No. 6640, City Market, Bengaluru - 560 002, Phone: 080-22271249, 22226917, 22711531.
Reserve Price	₹ **3,55,37,750.00** (Rupees three crore fifty five lac thirty seven thousand seven hundred fifty only)
EMD	₹ **35,53,775.00** (Rupees thirty five lac fifty three thousand seven hundred seventy five only) (DD/PO/BC/NEFT/RTGS favouring "Lakshmi Vilas Bank, City Market Branch - A/c Maa Ashapura Enterprises")

Description of Immovable Properties

Schedule 1: All that part and parcel of property bearing No. 1, BBMP Khata No. 20, New PID No. 196-WO723-4, situated at Alahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (within limits of Anjanapura Village Panchayat and within the jurisdiction of SRO, Kengeri, Bengaluru) measuring East to West on the Northern Side 106 feet, On the Southern Side 80 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 49 feet , On the Western side 40 feet, total 4138.50 square feet and along with one and half square A.C. Sheet Roof House existing thereon, property standing in the name of Smt Anitha Bhandari, bound: On the East by property No. 2 in Sy. No. 20 belonging to Ramanna and Krishnappa, On the West by road, On the North by portion of land in Sy. No. 20, belonging to vendors, On the South by portion of land in Sy. No. 20, belonging to vendors.
Schedule 2: All that part and parcel of property bearing No. 2, BBMP Khata No. 20, New PID No. 196-WO721-4, situated at Alahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, (within limits of Anjanapura Village Panchayat and within the jurisdiction of SRO, Kengeri, Bengaluru) measuring East to West on the Northern Side 114, On the Southern Side 137 feet, North to South 61 feet, total 7655.50 square feet and along with 2 squares A.C. Sheet roof house existing thereon, property standing in the name of Sri Jitendra Bhandari, bound: On the East by land in Sy. No. 20 belonging to Sri Venkatesh, On the West by property No. 1 in Sy. No. 20 belonging to Smt Chikkathayamma and Sons, On the North by property No. 3 in Sy. No. 20, belonging to the vendors, On the South by Portion of land in Sy. No. 20, belonging to Smt Chikkathayamma and sons.

For more detailed terms and conditions, please visit Bank's website www.lvbank.com and the E Auction Service Provider's website https://bankauctions.in

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 26.08.2020

Authorised Officer
Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Regional Office, Bengaluru

THE CITIZEN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No.651/A, 1st Main Road, 'D' Block, 2nd Satge, Dr. Rajkumar Road,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.Phone : 080 - 2332 1923, 2332 8735

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **THE CITIZEN CO-OP BANK LTD.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY				
1.	**(1) Mr. Ramesh Chowdary** S/o Babulal Chowdary No.101, Tavarkere Hoskere Beedi, SLN Chariety, Bangalore South, Bangalore-562130 Also at No.1, Chuncha-nakuppe, Big Banyan Tree, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore-562130. **(2).Mr. Andalal Chowdry**, Doddalda Mara Chanchanaguppe Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore-562130, **(3). Mr. Shashidhar T K** No. B, 3/2, KPTCL Colony, Mahadevpura Post, Bangalore-560048	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 37, Katha No.37, Assessment No.733, Herohalli Village Panchayath, Presently within the limits of BBMP, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore **Measuring** East to West 30feet and North to South 40feet. **Bounded By:** East: Property No.36, West: Property No.38, North: Property No.44, South: Road	**Rs.31,18,500/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Only) EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price **Rs.3,11,850/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs.1,13,12,837/- (Interest & other Charges as on 17/06/2020	22/09/2020 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 21/09/2020 before 7.00 P M.

(1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., No.651/A, 1st Main Road, D Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. (Ph. 080-23321923, 23328735)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore, Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)**In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

**For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore No.651/A, 1st Main Road, D Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, for ascertaining the details of property and

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Number of workers American Airlines plans to lay off on October 1 after federal aid expires if lawmakers don't vote to give the US carrier more money

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	20	LC	Los Angeles	30	19	SNY
Colombo	31	25	HR	Melbourne	14	07	LC
Dhaka	29	25	HR	Moscow	19	11	LC
Dubai	40	30	SNY	New York	28	19	LR
Houston	29	25	HR	Singapore	29	25	HR
Istanbul	29	20	LC	Toronto	23	19	SNY
London	23	13	LC	Washington	30	22	LC

GOP CONVENTION WARNS OF DARK FUTURE IF BIDEN WINS

The opening night saw multiple themes from attempts to characterise Joe as a pawn of socialists and far-left Democrats to Trump's emphasis on diversity

America is not a racist country: Nikki Haley

WASHINGTON

DESCRIBING herself as a proud daughter of Indian immigrants who wore a turban and a saree, top Republican politician Nikki Haley has narrated her story to strongly reject the Democratic Party's "fashionable" statement that "America is racist."

The 48-year-old former US Ambassador to the UN, Haley is the only Indian-American listed so far to be speaking at the Republican National Convention.

"In much of the Democratic Party, it's now fashionable to say that America is racist. That is a lie. America is not a racist country... This is personal for me. I am the proud daughter of Indian immigrants. They came to America and settled in a small southern town. My father wore a turban. My mother wore a sari. I was a brown girl in a black and white world," she said on Monday at the mostly virtual four-day convention.

She said her family faced discrimination and hardship but her parents never gave in to grievance and hate.

"America isn't perfect. But the principles we hold dear are perfect. If there's one thing I've learned, it's that even on our worst day, we are blessed to live in America,' Haley said. *PTI*

WASHINGTON

A RISING generation of Republican stars offered an optimistic view of President Donald Trump's leadership, but was undermined on the opening night of the GOP's scaled-back convention by speakers issuing dark warnings about the country's future and distorting the president's record, particularly on the coronavirus pandemic.

As Trump faces pressure to expand his appeal beyond his loyal supporters, Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, Senate's sole Black Republican, and former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, daughter of Indian immigrants, sought to cast the GOP as welcoming to Americans of colour, despite the party's overwhelmingly white leadership and voting base.

But the prime-time convention proceedings, which featured a blend of taped and live speeches, focused largely on dire talk about Joe Biden, Trump's Democratic challenger in the November election.

Speakers ominously warned that electing Biden would lead to violence in American cities spilling into the suburbs, a frequent Trump campaign message with racist undertones. One speaker called Trump the "bodyguard of Western civilisation."

Scrambling to find a message that sticks, Trump's team tried out multiple themes and tactics over the course of the night. They featured optimism from those who could represent the GOP's future, attempts to characterise Biden as a vessel for socialists and far-left Democrats despite his moderate record and humanising stories about the 74-year-old man who sits in the Oval Office.

Biden and his running mate, California Senator Kamala Harris, are keeping a relatively low profile this week. In a tweet Monday night, Biden told supporters to "stay focused."

The emphasis on diversity at Trump's convention was an acknowledgment he must expand his coalition beyond his largely white base. Polling shows that Black Americans continue to be overwhelmingly negative in their assessments of the president's performance, with his approval hovering around 1 in 10 over the course of his presidency, according to Gallup polling.

One of several African Americans on Monday night's schedule, former football star Herschel Walker, defended the president against those who call him a racist.

"It hurts my soul to hear the terrible names that people call Donald," Walker said.

But that emphasis clashed with Trump's instinct to energise his die-hard loyalists. He featured, for example, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the St Louis couple charged with felonies for pointing guns at what prosecutors deemed non-violent Black Lives Matter protesters marching past their home.

"What you saw happen to us could just as easily happen to any of you who are watching from quiet neighbourhoods around our country," Patricia McCloskey said.

"They've actually charged us with felonies for daring to defend our home," her husband said. *AP*

US Prez Donald Trump speaks during the first day of the RNC on Monday | AP

Pompeo to give RNC speech from Israel, draws flak

WASHINGTON: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sent a cable to all US diplomatic missions last month warning American diplomats that under federal law they should not take overt sides in the presidential campaign. On Tuesday, he plans to ignore his own warning by speaking to the Republican National Convention endorsing President Donald Trump for a second term from Jerusalem. Despite State Department assurances that Pompeo will be speaking to the convention in his personal capacity and won't violate the Hatch Act, Democrats and other critics have cried foul *AP*

It's all about the family, Trumps to dominate RNC

NEW YORK

DONALD Trump is keeping it all in the family at this week's Republican convention, giving his four children prime speaking slots alongside his wife Melania and highlighting the unprecedented role they have played in the political affairs of the United States.

Monday evening Donald Jr, the Trump scion, — who has hinted at his own political aspirations — delivered a heated critique of the Democrats, accusing them of "attacking the very principles on which our nation was founded."

On Tuesday it's Melania's turn to vouch for her husband: the first lady and third wife of the president will surely be keen to keep the pundits from bringing up her 2016 convention speech, which included phrases curiously similar to Michelle Obama's 2008 convention address.

Eric is also hitting the campaign trail for his father despite helming the family's Trump Organization conglomerate and dealing with legal battles related to the company.

Ivanka Trump — who with her husband Jared Kushner is a White House advisor – will play a starring role on Thursday, introducing her father's nomination acceptance speech which will close the convention. *AFP*

Black man shot 8 times by cops left paralysed

KENOSHA

THE father of Jacob Blake, a Black man who was shot by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, says his son was left paralysed from the waist down.

Blake's father told the *Chicago Sun-Times* that he was told his son was shot eight times during the Sunday evening confrontation with police, which was captured on cellphone video and led to two nights of unrest in the city.

The father, who is also named Jacob Blake, said that he learned on Sunday night that officers had shot his son eight times and that he saw the now-viral video of it online a few minutes later.

He said his son now has "eight holes" in his body and is paralysed from the waist down, though doctors don't know if the paralysis will be permanent.

The man who said he made the cellphone video, 22-year-old Raysean White, said he saw Blake scuffling with three officers and heard them yell, "Drop the knife! Drop the knife!" before the gunfire erupted. He said he didn't see a knife in Blake's hands.

The officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard practice in a shooting by police. Authorities released no details about the officers and did not immediately respond to requests for their service records. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

FB vows legal action over removal of group

Facebook said it would file a legal challenge against a Thai government order to take down a group where pro-democracy activists held discussions about the monarchy, a taboo subject in the country. A growing tide of youth-led protests has swept Thailand in recent weeks — buoyed by anger against what many regard as an illegitimate, military-aligned government and an overly powerful royal family. The private Facebook group, called "Royalist Marketplace", was created in April and had more than a million members before it was taken down on Monday. The Thai monarchy has long been a taboo subject and is shielded by a harsh royal defamation law, under which people can be sentenced to up to 15 years per charge.

PAKISTAN

2 militants of banned group arrested in Punjab

Pakistan's counter-terrorism officials have arrested two militants of the banned Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA), a splinter terrorist group of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, in Punjab, the police said on Tuesday. According to the Counter Terrorism Department of Punjab Police, an intelligence-based operation was conducted in Sahiwal city, some 175 kms from Lahore. The terrorists were carrying weapons and explosive material as they had planned to attack the personnel of the law enforcement agencies in the city

BANGLADESH

1971 war veteran CR Dutta dies at 93

Chitta Ranjan Dutta, a legendary Bangladeshi war veteran, died on Tuesday at the age of 93, according to media reports. A sector commander during the Bangladesh Liberation war, Dutta died in Florida, the *Dhaka Tribune* reported. "A sector commander in the Bangladesh Liberation War CR Dutta breathed his last around 9:30 am on Tuesday (Bangladeshi time). He was a war veteran," the report said. Born on January 1, 1927 in Shillong, Dutta joined the Pakistan Army from the last unified batch of the Indian Military Academy where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1947. He was a prominent minority rights advocate after his retirement from service and served as the president of the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council

Kremlin rejects reports of Navalny being poisoned

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin on Tuesday accused German medics of being too hasty after they said tests on Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny indicated he was poisoned.

The 44-year-old Navalny, who is one of the fiercest critics of President Vladimir Putin and has exposed massive official corruption, is being treated in a Berlin hospital after falling ill on a flight in Siberia last Thursday. He was treated for two days in a hospital in Siberia before being transferred to the Charite clinic.

Charite doctors on Monday said that clinical tests on Navalny "indicate poisoning with a substance from the group of cholinesterase inhibitors".

These are substances used in nerve agents as well as medicines and insecticides that suppress an enzyme needed for the central nervous system to function normally. Navalny's supporters claim he was poisoned by something in his cup of tea at a Siberian airport before a flight to Moscow, pointing the finger of blame at Putin.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists it was not clear whether Navalny had been poisoned because the substance responsible has not been identified. Russia will not open a criminal investigation until this happens, he said.

Peskov claimed Russian medics had diagnosed Navalny's condition in a similar way to German doctors but said Germans had rushed to conclude that Navalny was poisoned.

"The medical analysis of our doctors and the German ones absolutely matches. But the conclusions differ. We don't understand why our German colleagues are in such a hurry. The substance hasn't yet been established," he told journalists. *AFP*

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

TENDER - CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Properties Mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Ltd. Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas **Borrower: Mr. Rama Mohan Thulasi Reddy,** S/o, Thulasi Reddy, **Co-Borrower-I: Mrs. Rama Devi,** W/o, Rama Mohan Thulasi, **Co-Borrower-II: Mr. Dorai Swamy,** S/o, Krishna Reddy, have borrowed money from Repco Home Finance Limited, **Basaveshwaranagar** Branch (now the account transferred to ARB Bangalore) against the mortgage of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder, the company has issued a **Demand Notice** under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 on **02-08-2018** calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being vide **Loan Account No. 258187000353** being **Rs.2,74,41,385/-** on **02-08-2018** together with further interest, costs and expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

Whereas the borrower & co-borrowers having failed to pay the amount due to the Company as called for in the said demand notice, the Company has taken possession of the secured asset more fully described in the schedule hereunder on **03-12-2018** under Section 13 (4) of the Act.

Whereas the borrowers having failed to pay the dues in full, the secured creditor, Repco Home Finance Limited has decided to sell the under mentioned secured asset in **"As is where is condition"** and **"As is what is condition"** under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 for realization of the debts dues to the company. The dues of the borrower being vide **Loan Account No. 258187000353** being **Rs.3,53,78,278/-** as on **17-08-2020.**

DETAILS OF SALE

Date and Time of E-Auction	06-10-2020, 11.00 A.M -12.00 P.M (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
EMD (10% of Reserve Price)	Rs.53,87,500/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)
Reserve Price	Rs.5,38,75,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)
Last Date & time for submitting E -Tenders	05-10-2020, 04.00 P.M
Minimum Bid Increment Amount	Rs.1,00,000/-

Description of Property:

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 8, in the Gramatana Khatha House List No. 612/674/8A, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 188(BBMP), vide Khatha No. 345/343/347/23/3/612/674/8A, New PID No. 188-W0082-1-1.

Measuring:-

East to West - 85 Feet **North to South -** 50 Feet

Bounded on:-

East by - Property of Vayu Gowda Muniyellappa **West by -** Property NO. 7 of Srinivas **North by -** 25 Feet wide Road **South by -** Property No. 4

Land measuring 4250 Sq.ft., and Together with House building constructed thereon. Consisting of Basement 2900 Sq.ft., Parking area, Ground Floor measuring 3000 Sq.ft., First Floor measuring 3000 Sq.ft., Second Floor measuring 3000 Sq.ft., Third Floor measuring 3000 Sq.ft., the House is RCC roof, vitrified Tiles Flooring Doors and Windows of Honne Wood with Water Electricity and Sanitary connection.

Terms and Conditions

The intending bidders of the property should send their bids in the prescribed tender form in a closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the reserve price by means of RTGS / NEFT / DD / Banker's Cheque drawn in favour of **"Repco Home Finance Limited"** payable at **ARB Banglore**. Tender form not in the prescribed format will not be accepted

For inspection of the property the intending bidders may contact the Branch Head, Repco Home Finance Limited, **ARB Banglore** Branch, on all working days between 10 A.M to 5 P.M. **Contact Nos. (080) 41233109, 98868 78838**

Place: **Bengaluru**
Date: **17-08-2020**

Authorised officer
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After UAE, which Arab nation will shake hands with Israel?

The UAE's decision to normalise ties with Israel has been welcomed by some Arab countries. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who is on a West Asia tour in Israel, Sudan, Bahrain and the UAE, expressed optimism Monday that more Arab nations will sign up. We take a look

BAHRAIN

Bahrain was the first Gulf country to welcome the UAE-Israel deal and also the Jewish state date back to the 1990s

Bahrain shares with Israel a common enemy in Iran

It accuses Iran of instigating Shia Muslims against the ruling Sunni Al-Khalifa dynasty

The country is a close Saudi ally and is unlikely to establish official relations without Riyadh's blessing

KUWAIT

Kuwait, another close US ally, has also been silent on the UAE-Israel accord

The rich emirate is the only country in the Gulf with a genuine political and parliamentary life

Some political groups and civil society organisations have condemned the UAE's decision to normalise ties with the Jewish state, while others have defended it

SUDAN

Sudanese officials have issued contradictory comments regarding a normalisation of ties, but a number of factors compel it to move in that direction

Foreign ministry spokesman Haider Badawi said he was in favour of such an accord

But foreign minister Omar Gamaledinne said the issue "has never been discussed" and fired the spokesman

OMAN

Oman also quickly welcomed the UAE-Israel deal but said it was committed to "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people who aspire to an independent state" with East Jerusalem as its capital

The country is a close US ally but also has good relations with Iran. It maintains a policy of neutrality and has over the years played a mediating role in regional conflicts

QATAR

Qatar has not responded to the surprise announcement amid a protracted diplomatic standoff with the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt — who accuse it of supporting Islamist movements and conniving with Iran

Doha, which is also close to the US, has an on-again, off-again relationship with Israel, after hosting an Israeli economic interests office from 1996 until 2000

3,700 false +ves in Sweden, courtesy Chinese kit

STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN'S Public Health Agency said on Tuesday a faulty test kit had returned some 3,700 false positive results, an error discovered by two laboratories during routine quality controls.

The agency said the PCR kits, which test for an ongoing Covid-19 infection, were made in China by the company BGI Genomics and had been distributed worldwide.

In Sweden, the kits were used by people conducting at-home tests between period March and August, the agency said.

Karin Tegmark Wisell of Sweden's Public Health Agency says two Swedish laboratories tested the swabs that gave the wrong answer. She says, "Follow-up tests have identified the shortcoming."

Tegmark Wisell says the flaw "sends a signal that one must constantly work with quality."

She says those who self-administered the tests had "mild symptoms" or were "asymptomatic" people who haven't developed symptoms, and those given the wrong answer would be contacted.

The PCR test, one of the two tests used to diagnose coronavirus, swabs the throat and nose to detect the strain of coronavirus.

"The faulty test kit has been reported to the Swedish Medical Products Agency. It has been exported by China to many other countries," the agency said, adding that it has "informed relevant authorities in Europe and the WHO".

Sweden on Tuesday said it had 86,891 confirmed cases of the new coronavirus and 5,814 deaths. *Agencies*

Belarus poll crisis: EU to sanction '15 to 20' people

BRUSSELS

THE EU is likely to sanction between 15 and 20 individuals for their role in electoral fraud and a crackdown on protesters in Belarus, a senior official said on Tuesday.

The bloc has been preparing asset freezes and travel bans over the crisis that has unfolded in the ex-Soviet republic and after an emergency video summit last week EU Council President Charles Michel said a "substantial number" of people would be targeted.

The EU is trying to find ways to get strongman President Alexander Lukashenko to listen to the unprecedented protests that followed his hotly disputed August 9 re-election, which the bloc has rejected as not free or fair. EU foreign ministers meeting for informal talks in Berlin on Thursday and Friday are expected to give political approval to a list of targets, before the list is formally approved soon afterwards.

Asked how many names were on the list, a senior EU official said it would likely be "something between 15 and 20", but the final total would depend on legal verification by EU lawyers. *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
44.8 ▲	Sensex	38,843.8	₹25 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,145.4	₹410 ▼	Per kg	₹64,594	▼ Dollar	74.33
5.8 ▲	Nifty	11,472.25	₹25 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,124.8	₹0.41 ▼	Per gm	₹64.6	▲ Euro	87.69

GDP to continue shrinking

The RBI believes that the contracting trend in GDP begun in the April-June 2020 period will continue during this quarter too; further lockdowns may postpone growth to Q4FY21

SUNITHA NATTI

THE RBI has confirmed what we've been suspecting all along. India's GDP contraction will stretch through the September quarter as it navigates the fine line between weakness and danger. In its latest Annual Report released Tuesday, the central bank refrained from giving growth estimates, but its scenario analysis throws an interesting takeaway.

Should there be a second lockdown, which RBI thinks is closer to reality, growth will leap to life only in Q4, FY21. Both the government and RBI have put up a strong defence, but despite their fancy footwork, it's unclear what awaits us. According to the RBI, possibilities span from a V-shaped rebound to structural stagnation, but nothing can be certain at this point.

But there's one thing the RBI is clear about. Recovery will be different than the one seen post the 2008 global financial crisis, which occurred when the economy was at its finest. In contrast, Covid-19 struck when we were coursing through a slowdown of eight consecutive quarters. This was an existential puzzle for the RBI to crack around this time last year too: Is it a soft patch, a cyclical downswing, or a structural slowdown? Now, it has found the answers.

In fact, the annual report minuted a few humble submissions, rather belatedly.

One, real GDP growth showed signs of a slowdown in 2017 itself. Two, a perceptible slowdown in the industrial sector had set in after FY16, with its epicentre in manufacturing. Three, the downturn began as early as in Q4, FY17. Four, industrial GVA has been decelerating since FY16. Clearly, the market noise wasn't some chin music afterall.

Why didn't the RBI or the government put the blinkers on? That's because, favourable statistical base effects misled onlookers, the central bank concluded. Reality started to bite only in Q1, FY19, and followed on for the next eight quarters through Q4, FY20. At this point, recovery was to begin with FY21, but Covid-19 arrived and wrenched the narrative asunder. A recovery that seemed so close appears remote once again. RBI believes government consumption will continue the pandemic-proofing of demand, while private consumption will aid recovery with non-discretionary spending leading the way.

The central bank's assessment shows that the shock to consumption is severe, so it'll be a while to regain the pre-Covid momentum.

An assessment of aggregate demand during the year so far suggests that the shock to consumption is severe, and it will take quite some time to mend and regain the pre-COVID-19 momentum

RBI Annual Report

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had highlighted threats to recovery during the last MPC meeting on August 6 | PTI

RBI flushed ₹1.1 lakh cr worth ₹2,000 notes out of the system last fiscal year

SUNITHA NATTI

IT appears that the RBI flushed ₹1.1 lakh crore worth ₹2,000 notes out of the system last fiscal. Evidence came from none other than the central bank's FY20 Annual Report released Tuesday. Both the value and volume of pink notes shrunk a staggering 16% even as the number of ₹500 and ₹200 notes merrily inched higher.

In volume terms, a record 5,512 lakh pieces of ₹2,000 notes were taken off the circulation grid. If there were 32,910 lakh pieces as on March 2019, they fell to 27,398 lakh pieces as on March, 2020. Predictably, value reduced from ₹6.5 lakh crore to ₹5.4 lakh crore.

In percentage terms, it reduced to 22.6% of total currency in circulation from 31.2%, clearly reflecting that the share of ₹2,000 notes in the overall currency mix was intentionally being reduced. Though we have seen similar purging in FY19, the quantum was next to nothing at 2%. In FY20, however, the pace of reduction was rather significant at over 16 per cent—a first in recent memory and a trend never witnessed during the ₹1,000 notes era.

When the ₹1,000 note was the highest denonination, a degrowth was seldom seen. Shockingly, it didn't even record flat growth since 2001 when it was re-introduced.

This perhaps explains why RBI neither took a fresh indent nor printed even a single ₹2,000 note all through FY20. The pink notes had an important purpose to ease the shortage of money supply following demonetisation. Now, that supply may have reached a level that the central bank is uncomfortabel with, as high-value notes are easier to hoard. Hence, the purging of higher denominations and printing more lower denominations such as ₹500 and ₹200 notes over the past three years beginning 2018.

The value of ₹500 notes shot up 36% from ₹10 lakh crore in FY19 to ₹14 lakh crore in FY20, while ₹200 notes jumped 34% from about ₹80,000 crore to ₹1 lakh crore during the same period. Total currency in circulation itself punched in 15% growth from ₹21 lakh crore in FY19 to ₹24 lakh crore in FY20.

HEAVY DISFAVOUR

16% drop in both volume and value of the ₹2,000 note

5,512 L pieces of ₹2,000 noted were removed

Value of ₹2,000 notes reduced from 16.5 lakh crore to 15.4 lakh crore in FY20

RBI BALANCE SHEET EXPANDS BY 30%

The Reserve Bank's balance sheet, reflective of activities carried out by it, has increased by 30.02 per cent in the year ended June 30, 2020

The balance sheet increased by ₹12,31,888 crore to ₹53,34,793 crore. The increase on the asset side was due to rising domestic and foreign investments, by 18.40 and 27.28 per cent respectively

Moratorium, other measures to hit banks' financial health

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Covid-19-induced regulatory relief such as the moratorium on loan instalments, deferment of interest payments, and restructuring may have implications for the financial health of banks, unless they are closely monitored and judiciously used, the RBI said in its annual report.

Pegging the income loss due to 68 days of lockdown at nearly ₹3 lakh crore, the banking regulator added that public sector banks will need capital support to avoid a banking crisis.

"Although gross and net non-performing asset ratios had come down in March 2020 along with receding slippage ratios, the economic fallout of the pandemic is likely to test this resilience," the report said.

Citing the macro stress tests reported in the July 2020 Financial Stability Report, it said that non-performing assets may surge 1.5 times above their March 2020 levels under the baseline scenario, and by 1.7 times in a very severely stressed scenario.

"The system level CRAR can drop to 13.3 per cent in March 2021 from its March 2020 level under the baseline scenario and to 11.8 per cent under the very severe stress scenario," the report warned.

In the backdrop of likely asset quality pressures, it added that recapitalisation of PSBs was key and that banks need to shed their risk aversion to ensure adequate flow of credit to productive sectors. Lenders will also need to shore up their capital position to deal with a possible spike in bad loans post Covid 19, the central bank said.

RBI to study large value frauds as numbers soar

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

IN a worrying sign, bank frauds have shot up precipitously owing to delays in detection. An unprecedented 8,707 fraud cases of ₹1 lakh and above were detected in FY20, showed the RBI's annual report released Tuesday.

In value terms, it touched an all-time high of ₹1.85 lakh crore, a whopping 159 per cent rise from the previous year.

"Frauds have been predominantly occurring in the loan portfolio, both in terms of number and value. There was a concentration of large value frauds, with the top fifty credit-related frauds constituting 76 per cent of the total... frauds during 2019-20," RBI said.

Frauds in loans constituted 98.1 per cent of the total frauds at ₹1.82 lakh crore, followed by other segments like cards and internet banking. In absolute numbers, however, a significant ₹195 crore, totalling 2,678 cases, was lost to frauds related to cards and internet banking, as against just ₹71 crore (1,866 cases) reported a year ago.

The data further suggests that PSBs originated 98 per cent of those fraudulent activities, followed by private banks. More shocking, however, was the observation that the average time for a ₹100 crore-plus fraud to be detected was 63 months!

The RBI plans to conduct a study on large frauds to recognise the reason behind such huge delays in detection, the report added.

Tata Motors aims to turn fully debt free in 3 years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA Motors (TML), which had posted record losses for the first quarter of this fiscal year (Q1FY21), aims to become a debt-free entity in the next three years, Tata Sons' chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Tuesday. Currently, the TML group has a net automotive debt of ₹48,000 crore.

Cutting debt, improving its product portfolio and cutting down expenses will be the Group's top priority in the near future, he said.

"The target is to bring it to near zero debt levels in the next three years. Towards this, the company has already taken steps. This includes making the company free cash flow positive by FY22.

Overall investments of the group has reduced by 50 per cent during this fiscal year, and the company will continue to manage this tightly going forward. The TML group will also look to unlock investment in various non-core businesses," said Chandrasekaran while addressing the shareholders at the 75th Annual General Meeting.

Centre lifts curbs on export of masks, PPE coveralls

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

PROVIDING significant relief to personal protective equipment (PPE) manufacturers in India, the Centre on Tuesday removed all restrictions on the export of PPE medical coveralls and all varieties of masks, except N95 masks.

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) through a notification amended export policy of 2/3 ply surgical masks, medical coveralls of all classes and categories from "restricted" to "free" category, and stated that beginning now, all these items are freely exportable.

The Centre had removed the prohibition on the export of medical coveralls for Covid-19 last month, allowing a quota of up to 50 lakh units to be exported every month against licences issued by the government. However, India's PPE manufacturers and the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) had urged the Centre to lift restrictions on exports on PPE coveralls since they were losing a significant amount of the export business to neighbouring countries.

The Council had claimed that manufacturers of PPE coveralls, who invested crores in PPE manufacturing equipment, were facing difficulties since prices were crashing due to oversupply.

A Sakthivel, chairman of AEPC welcomed the move. "Our longstanding demand is now fulfilled and many exporters, who faced a lot of issues in customs, have had their problems resolved now. PPE exporters can book the orders freely from their buyers," he said.

However, the council also wants curbs on N95 masks export removed. "The notification says 50 lakh pieces per month can be exported... the restriction should be removed as we are manufacturing much more than the domestic need and we can boost our exports easily," added Sakthivel.

PMO, Niti Aayog to discuss states' compensation soon

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the crucial GST Council meeting scheduled for the end of this month, the Prime Minister's Office, the Finance Ministry, and government policy think-tank Niti Aayog are likely to meet to discuss the various options in front of the government as far as GST compensation to the states are concerned.

In the face of shrinking tax revenue, the Centre's officials have indicated that it may be difficult for the government to pay states the agreed-upon compensation as per the GST laws. "GST compensation is a major issue since even BJP ruled states have red flagged their concerns. The PMO will have a series of meetings with the finance ministry, Niti Aayog, and the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council to find out a solution," a senior official from the PMO said.

Under the GST law, states are guaranteed to be compensated bi-monthly for any loss of revenue in the first five years of the GST regim—rolled out on July 1, 2017.

However, with the drastic fall in GST collections and the states' own revenue, it is becoming difficult for the centre to do so. The matter had snowballed into a major controversy after the revenue secretary expressed the Centre's inability to pay up in the future, while reporting to a parliamentary standing committee. With several political allies and BJP leaders from states like Bihar and Gujarat flagging the matter, the PMO had decided to step in.

The problem is a particularly vexing one. GST collections for the first quarter of the year stood at just 59 per cent of the revenue collected during the same quarter of the previous year. The overall SGST and allocated IGST revenue for states stands at ₹64,703 crore, which is 47 per cent less than the revenue in Q1FY20.

This makes payment to states challenging for the Centre, which is staring at a wider fiscal deficit. Experts, economists and even the 14th Finance Commission had warned that these collections is unlikely to improve drastically anytime soon, at least during this fiscal year.

In this context, the Centre wants to internally discuss all the options before the GST Council meet on August 27, where the matter would be discussed with the states.

VEXING ISSUE

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- Overall SGST, IGST for states was 47 per cent lower than the previous year

New rules for bids from neighbouring nations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has issued a new registration format for bidders from nations sharing a land border with India who want to participate in the public procurement process.

According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade's (DPIIT) office memorandum on Tuesday, a bidder has to submit details on beneficial ownership; manufacturer and service provider; financial details for the last five fiscal years duly certified by a practicing chartered account in India; and details of contracts received in the last five years.

The rules have also restricted ownership patterns for new directors or shareholders for such bidder companies. "In case of appointment of new director(s)/new shareholders with more than 10 per cent shares/change in controlling ownership interest or control through other means, the registration shall stand cancelled," it added.

Last month on July 23, the government had mandated that any entity from a country sharing a land border with India would be eligible to bid in any procurement process for goods or services only if it is registered with the competent authority. This was decided with the aim of restricting participation from Chinese companies in sensitive public projects.

Now, bidders are also required to submit an application for security clearance, as per the format. The validity period of the registration would be 12 months from the date of issue. The government has amended the General Financial Rules 2017 to enable the imposition of these curbs.

EXPRESS READ

TCS may face slower growth in revenue: S&P

New Delhi: S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday said Tata Consultancy Services is likely to face slower growth in revenue and profitability over the next 12-18 months, given subdued global IT spending. However, the Mumbai-based IT major's robust cash position and prudent financial policies will continue to support its financial position, the financial services major added.

Four new Nokia phones launched in India

Chennai: Nokia on Tuesday launched four affordable phones for different categories with an eye on cashing in on the upcoming festive season in India. The newly launched phones include the Nokia 5.3 with a versatile quad camera, a large 16.6 cm screen and signature two-day battery life; and the Nokia C3. The other two—Nokia 125 and Nokia 150—are feature phones.

Zoho launches new GST-compliant product

Chennai: City-based software major Zoho has launched a new edition of its GST-compliant online accounting software called Zoho Books for mid-market businesses. Zoho Books Ultimate will allow companies with a turnover of ₹500 crore or more to generate e-invoices for every sale and send them to a registration portal.

TAXATION

FM bats for lowering GST rate on two wheelers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday that two-wheelers were not luxury or sin goods, and do merit a GST rate revision. The minister also said that she will take up the proposal to reduce tax rates on two-wheelers to the GST Council. "The two-wheeler category is neither a luxury nor a sin good and hence merits a rate revision.Consequently, this will be taken up with the GST Council," Sitharaman said.

She was responding to a question posed during an interaction with members from the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at a closed door meeting.

She also added that the government is open to making more tweaks in ₹3 lakh crore credit guarantee scheme announced as part of the Atma Nirbhar relief package earlier this year.

"The ₹3 lakh crore scheme is open for professionals now and government is open to more tweaking, changes if required," a CII press release quoted Sitharaman as saying.

The minister also spoke about the challenges thrown up by the Covid-19 pandemic during the meeting, going on to admit that domestic revenue generation remains a concern since important sectors like tourism, real estate, hospitality, and airlines have been affected "disproportionately" by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"In order to ease the pain of few of these ailing sectors, the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for the hotels, banquets and related activities will be looked into," she assured, adding that the government was taking other relief measures too.

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—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-I/I/1128 **Jabalpur, dtd: 21.08.2020.**

TENDER NOTICE

Online tender is invited for repairing & testing of following item from manufacturers / repairers of transformers only as per tender specification by the date indicated below:-

S. No.	T.S. No. DISCOM/ EZ/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX. VALUE (IN Rs. LAKH)	TENDER FEE (Rs.)	DUE DATE OF OPENING OF TENDER ONLINE FORM 12.00 HRS.*
1	1105 (TENDER ID: 2020_PKVVC_1018_73_1)	33/11 KV, 5.0 MVA POWER TRANSFORMERS	512.00	11,200.00	11.09.2020

* For updated / extended due dates for opening of tender (EMD in envelop-A & Techno-commercial bid in envelop-B) please refer to the online key dates.
Other details can be seen in the complete tender documents available on e-portal **https://mptenders.gov.in.**

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Govt. of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-6/Tender Notification/2020-21/1962 Date: 24-08-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender for the 01 Work under 8443 for indent No **124284**, 2) Estimate Cost : **Rs. 87.33 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-I & above, 4) Eligibility fees and EMD Details : Application fees as per e-Procurement, EMD Rs. 175000.00, 5) Last date for queries : 10-09-2020 (17.30 Hrs), 6) Last date for submission of tender : 11-09-2020 (16.00 Hrs). 7) Date of opening of Technical Bid : 14-09-2020 (16.30 Hrs). 8) Date of opening of Financial Bid : 15-09-2020 (16.30 Hrs). 9) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 10) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/328/MC&A/2020-21

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Selection of Marketing/Advertising/PR Agencies

Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from reputed registered Firms/Companies/ Agencies for selection under the following categories to assist Kerala Tourism to carry out various activities.

Category No.	Title of the Agency	e-Tender ID
1	Branding & Advertising Agency	2020_TOUR_379091
2	International Trade Marketing Agency	2020_TOUR_379113
3	National Trade Marketing Agency	2020_TOUR_379121
4	Local Events & Advertising Agency	2020_TOUR_379126
5	Public Relations Agency	2020_TOUR_379313

The entire procedure of bidding will be as e-Tender. Interested Firms/Companies/ Agencies may log on to https://etenders.kerala.gov.in for details.

Last date and time for receipt of EOI - 6.00 PM on 15.09.2020.

24.08.2020 Sd/- Director

Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th 'B' Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040.

No.: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-11/2020-21 Date: 24-08-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Providing CC cameras in Ward No.128.	70.00	1,75,000/-
2.	Improvements to roads and drains in Govindarajanagara sub division (Ward No. 106, 104 and 125) of Govindarajanagara Constituency.	200.00	3,00,000/-
3.	Construction and allied works in Multipurpose building at Agraharadasarahalli Ward No.105.	75.00	1,87,500/-
4.	Providing lighting cable and other electrical works at Teachers Layout Park in Ward No.128.	55.00	1,37,500/-
5.	Improvements to roads and drains in Chandra Layout sub division (Ward No.126, 127, 128 and 131) of Govindarajanagara Constituency.	200.00	3,00,000/-
6.	Providing Asphalting at Teachers Layout in Ward No.128.	60.00	1,50,000/-
7.	Drinking Water Supply works maintenance in Govindarajanagara sub division of Govindarajanagara Constituency Ward No.104.	150.00	2,25,000/-
8.	Improvements roads and drains in Govindarajanagara sub division (Ward No. 103, 104 and 105) of Govindarajanagara Constituency.	200.00	3,00,000/-
9.	Sinking Erection and Commissioning of borewells in Ward No.127, Mudalapalya Jurisdiction.	102.00	1,53,000/-
10.	Sanitary works maintenance in Chandralayout sub division of Govindarajanagara Constituency Ward No.104.	150.00	2,25,000/-
11.	Construction of Sri Krishna Dhyana Mandira in Ward No.103.	100.00	1,50,000/-
12.	Providing Asphalting to jurisdiction in Ward No.128.	60.00	1,50,000/-
13.	Drinking Water Supply works maintenance in Chandra Layout sub division of Govindarajanagara constituency Ward No.104.	150.00	2,25,000/-
14.	Providing lighting to newly built play ground and park in Ward No.128.	55.00	1,37,500/-

Calendar of Events: (1). Last date for Receipt of Queries: **29-08-2020 up to 3:00 p.m. (2).** Date of pre bid meeting on **31-08-2020 at 3:30 p.m. (3).** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **07-09-2020 up to 4:00 p.m. (4).** Date of Opening for Two Cover bid Technical Proposals is **09-09-2020 after 4:30 p.m. (5).** Date of Opening for Two Cover Financial Proposals after approval of Technical Proposals through e-procurement. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** **Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP.**

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ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಶಿರಸಿ (ಉ.ಕ)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕೃಉಮಾಸ/ಶಿ/ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ/490–492 /2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–08–2020

–: ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :–

ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸಮಿತಿ, ಶಿರಸಿಯ 2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ KTPP ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮ 2000 ರಂತೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ KW-3 ರನ್ವಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ)	P.W.D. ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವರ್ಗ
1	ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ. ಶಿರಸಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ದಾಸನಕೊಪ್ಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳಿಗಗೆ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಚರಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಂತರಿಕ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	62,50,923.00	1,25,100.00	6 ತಿಂಗಳು	Iನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ
2	ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ ಶಿರಸಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ದಾಸನಕೊಪ್ಪ ಉಪಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ 8 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ.	59,66,806.00	1,19,500.00	6 ತಿಂಗಳು	Iನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ
3	2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾ. ಕ್ರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ 4 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು (ಪ್ಯಾಕೇಜ್–II)	52,99,939.00	1,06,000.00	4 ತಿಂಗಳು	Iನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ : 1) ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ದಿ: 01–09–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–09–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–09–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12–09–2020 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ 080–22485867, 25501216 ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ ಶಿರಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ನಂ.5, ಮಾ.ಅ.ಯೋ. ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
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No. NSSK/Purchase/637/2020-2021 Date: 25-08-2020

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers, authorised dealers and traders for supply of Gotan /Local Lime, Rolled Sulphur, Processing Heavy Chemicals, P.P. Bags, Stitching Thread Cones and Laboratory Chemicals & apparatus required for Sugar Plant and Heavy Chemicals, R. O. Plant Chemicals, wirenetting, Tube Cleaning Equipment, Laboratory Chemicals and Spares of Co-gen. Plant, Cane Section required for the crushing season 2020-2021 of our factory. The detailed specifications of the materials are as under;

SUGAR PLANT (MANUFACTURING)	Tender Form Fee for each department /section	EMD Amount in the form of D.D only
(A) Gothan Lime (Rajasthan) / Local Lime for Processing and Spray Pond & E.T.P. – On Consumption basis for per lakh MT. (Cane crushing including Spray Pond & ETP)	Rs. 2,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
B) 515 MTs. (Approximately) (Five Hundred Fifteen only) Bright Yellow Rolled Sulphur/Reliance Sulphur	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
(C)Various Processing Heavy Chemicals. – Alazine/Phosphozol, Mill Sanitation, Di-thio carbamate base, Quarternary ammonium compound, Antiscalent Chemical, Magna Floc LT – 27, Bleaching Powder, Defoamer(TRO), Isopropyal Alcohol,, Colour, Precipitant (Nelco /Thermax Make/Britex Make), Cleenthol Descalent, , Coolwin SM/LB, Enzypme, POLMA Supreme Plus, Cane Sanitation Chemical, Caustic Soda Flakes, Descalant / Scale Softner Stablizer cum activator in Powder Form, and Polyster Spun Stitching Thread cones	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
(D) Water Treatment Chemicals: Pri-treatment, Cooling Tower, R/O Plant, Boiler, **Co-gen Cooling tower pre- treatment and RO + MB Plant basic chemicals:**Caustic soda Flakes, Hydrochloric Acid, Sulphuric Acid, Sodium Hydpochlorite, Sodium Metabisulphite, Common Salt,	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
(E) Chemical requirement of Distillery Plant: Caustic Lye, Hypo, Antiscalant, SMBS, HCL, Oxygen xyavenger, PH booster-3334, T.SP, Polyelectrolyte, Ferric chloride, Cartridger filter(05 Micron- 2.5 dia x 30" length, Type Spun)	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
(F)(I) 19,26,000 Nos.(Approximately) (Ninteen Lakhs Twenty six Thousand Numbers) Polylined Polypropylene 50 Kgs bags with liner – Specifications: Size :590 X 900 mm, Weave – 11 X 11 , Type : 900 Denier Colour : Milky White, Weight : 160 Gms + ,Tolerence in Size : No(-), Seam :Double fold/Double stitched over seam to a depth of min. 25mm , Two row stitching or chain stitch , stitch shall be uniform without any loose thread or knot. Breaking Strength (minimum) 90 Kg. , Elongation: 18 to 20. Printing material in the black ink on one side of the bag.	Rs. 2,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
ii) 6,000 Nos. (Approximately) (Six Thousand Numbers) Polylined Polypropylene 25 Kgs Bags with liner – Specifications : 80 gms (No tolerance in minus side) Length : 65 cms (+/_ 20mm), Width : 50 cms (+/- 10 mm), Ends per dm : 44 (+/-2), Picks per dm : 44 (+/-), Average Breaking strength : 80 kg, Minimum breaking strength of bottom seams: 33kgf. Suitable for filling 25 Kgs sugar.		
G) Wire Nettings: Various Sizes of wire Netting Meshes, Brass liners, Nickel Screens, Spiral Brushes & Rubber Strips, Rubber groovement etc.,	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
H) Tube Cleaning Equipments etc.,	Rs. 500/-	2% of Quoted Value
I) Laboratory Chemicals, Equipments & General Items etc.	Rs. 500/-	2% of Quoted Value
J)Distillery Plant Chemicals: **A) Process Chemical:** Dry yeast, Enzyme, TRO, H,2 SO4, SMBVS (Sodium meta bisulphate) **B) ETP Chemicals & Materials:** Caustic Lye, Nitric Acid (HNO3), Bleaching Powder, Sodium flakes, KMnO4, Formalin. **C) Lab Instruments & Lab Chemicals:** Glass Alco Hydrometer Make: Zeel and Glass Brix Hydrometer, Thermometers, Hydroject Cleaning Job work	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
VEHICLE SECTION. 1)Tyre with tube for Kubota Tractor, 2) Swift Dizire Tyre Tubeless., 3)New Tyre with tube Size: 1000 X 20 Running Pattern & 1000 X 20 Cross pattern for Tata Tipper vehicle. 4) Harvesting Machine Spares & 5) Tata Tippa Vehicle Spares.	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
JOB WORK FOR CO-GEN BOILER & DISTILLERY BOILER ASH LIFTING: Supply of Tipper with Labour for ash handling in both Section.	Rs. 500/-	2% of Quoted Value
CANE SECTION		
(a) 3,000 Nos.- 150 GSM Plastic Tadapal (12Ft X 15 Ft)	Rs. 1,000/-	2% of Quoted Value
(b)(1) 2,500 Nos. M.S. A Class Pipe Size: ¾" Dia 20 Feet Length. OR (2) 2,500 ½" G.I. Pipe 20 Feet Length (3) 6,000 Nos, A Class Pipe Size: ¾" Dia 8 Feet Length		
(c) 300 Nos. Slings for Tractors (28 Ft X 36 mm) & 200 Nos. Slings for Tractors		
(d) 10,000 Nos. Sugarcane Harvesting Knives Plastic Handle.		

For tender forms and any other clarifications in this connection may contact the factory office and the interested parties may obtain tender forms on payment of prescribed tender form fees mentioned above against each department/section in cash/ D.D./ NEFT (of any Nationalised Bank) in the name of Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit payable at Vijayapur, Dist: Vijayapur (Bijapur) Our Factory **A/c No: 912020015157111 IFC Code: UTIB0000525 Axis Bank Ltd., Vijayapur (Bijapur)**

Terms and Conditions; 1) E.M.D. will be 2% for all each department/ section items for the quoted value of the material to be supplied and should be enclosed with a tender form in the form of D.D.(of any Nationalised Bank only) in favour of Nandi Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit payable at Vijayapur (Bijapur), Dist:Vijayapur(Bijapur). (2)Conditional Tender will not be considered. (3) Factory reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders in full or part without assigning any reasons. **(4) Tender forms will be issued from: 26-08-2020 to 10-09-2020. (5) Last date for submission of duly filled tender form is 17-09-2020 upto 5-30 PM.** (6)Date of negotiation will be intimated separately. (7) All the authorized dealers have to provide complete product specifications, dealership certificate/letter, catalogues with tender without fail.

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR **Sd/- VICE CHAIRMAN** **Sd/- CHAIRMAN**

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Anderson first pacer to enter 600 club

England's James Anderson became the first pacer to claim 600 wickets in Tests. He achieved the landmark by having Azhar Ali caught at first slip on Day 5 of the final Test against Pakistan at the Ageas Bowl, which ended in a draw on Tuesday. England, who had won the first Test, clinched the series 1-0.

ABU DHABI HEADACHE FOR IPL

Stricter protocols in capital of the United Arab Emirates make BCCI sweat over schedule, matches in two venues instead of three in worst case scenario

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

CONFIRMATION of Abu Dhabi as one of the host cities for this year's IPL is apparently the main reason why the BCCI is yet to release the full schedule of the tournament starting on September 19. Covid-19 rules are stricter in Abu Dhabi than Dubai and Sharjah — the other venues. In the worst case scenario, officials may even leave Abu Dhabi out.

Though the eight participating teams have already landed in the Gulf, only Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders have set base in Abu Dhabi. The other six have chosen Dubai. Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah have own sets of Covid-19 protocols. A BCCI recce team led by IPL Governing Council chairman Brijesh Patel is under quarantine in Dubai. The schedule is likely to be finalised later this week.

It is understood that the BCCI is in talks with the UAE health officials over safe conduct of the IPL. However, there won't be any relaxation of rules put in place in Abu Dhabi. Though the BCCI's standard operating procedure asks every to be player is tested once in five days, Abu Dhabi has even stricter protocols.

It is mandatory for individuals entering Abu Dhabi to present a negative test result from the last 48 hours at the entry point. Tests can be done on the spot and the result is given immediately for 50 dirhams. This result is valid for 48 hours. While the BCCI tried to complete the Abu Dhabi leg in one go, six teams setting up base in Dubai makes it complicated. Hence, among the possibilities being explored include teams entering Abu Dhabi playing matches on successive days.

While this would increase the workload, given that the players are returning after a lengthy lay-off, there seems to be no easy way out. "It is very complicated. Which is why the schedule isn't out. Back-to-back matches is one solution as teams can make use of the 48-hour entry card. It is not easy because others like match officials, commentators, TV crew and event management people will also be around," a BCCI official said.

Protocols in Dubai and Sharjah are simpler than in Abu Dhabi and the BCCI is mulling if it can leave the capital of UAE out of plans for the play-offs if things don't change. "We will have time for that. The franchises have shown great support. So once the UAE government clears it, the schedule will be out," the official said.

Mumbai Indians are likely to take on Chennai Super Kings in the tournament opener on September 19.

State officials not part of party in initial phase

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

DUE to restrictions on movement inside the bio-secure bubble during the IPL, the BCCI has decided against inviting state association officials to the UAE for at least the first half of the tournament. Usually, state unit presidents and secretaries are present on the inaugural day, other than the play-offs and final. The BCCI hopes to have them over for the latter stages.

In a letter to the state associations, which is in possession of this newspaper, BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Tuesday said: "Restriction on physical presence is the best way to avoid contracting and spreading the deadly virus and after a long-fought battle, this is yet another sacrifice that we are forced to make." The IPL will be played in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah from September 19 to November 10.

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Jay Shah, BCCI secretary, in letter to state associations

The opening ceremony of the IPL usually sees a dash of celebrations, with live performance by filmstars and fireworks. The BCCI top brass are present on that day and the day of the first match with state association officials. During other matches also, officials of the board and states are seen in different venues, on invitation from host associations. The play-offs and finals are other occasions for them to come together.

Things are different this time. There will be regular Covid-19 tests. Teams and everyone involved with the matches will be staying in a bio-secure bubble covering the hotels, playing and practice arenas. Nobody will be allowed to leave or enter the bio-bubble without fulfilling conditions laid down by BCCI in accordance with rules in the UAE.

"Owing to some stringent restrictions on the movement of people and on account of the protocols put in place by us which includes the creation of several bio-secure bubbles to minimize the damage caused by Covid-19, we would not be able to have our annual gathering, at least at the beginning of the league," Shah's letter read.

The secretary assured the officials that they might be flown in for the latter stages of the competition. "As we take our first steps towards the resumption of cricket, let me assure you that we are pulling out all stops to secure your presence for the crucial play-off stage... I'm hopeful that till the time we reach the play-off week, we would have more relaxations on travel and interactions, which would allow us to have you all travel to the UAE," the letter added.

Lionel Messi tells Barca he wants to leave the club

AP @Barcelona

LIONEL Messi has told Barcelona he wants to leave the club after nearly two decades with the Spanish giants.

The club confirmed to *The Associated Press* on Tuesday that the Argentina great sent a document expressing his desire to leave. The announcement comes 11 days after Barcelona's humiliating 8-2 loss to Bayern Munich in the Champions League quarterfinals, one of the worst defeats in the player's career and in the club's history.

4 big names too

Luis Suarez, Arturo Vidal, Ivan Rakitic and Samuel Umtiti could also leave the club. These four players reportedly have already been told that they are not in Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman's plans. Catalan radio station *RAC1* said Suarez was one of the first to get a call from Koeman saying he wasn't going to be used anymore.

Covid scare in IIS, Bajrang & Co leave

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

NOW, coronavirus scare has led to deferment of training at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) in Karnataka's Vijayanagar. Olympic-bound athletes, including wrestler Bajrang Punia (65kg) and boxer Vikas Krishan (69kg), were training at the facility. They have left for home after a contracted employee and an assistant coach tested positive for the virus last week.

"Training was stopped soon after the assistant coach tested positive. Athletes have been advised to stay in isolation until complete contact tracing is done. Those who came in direct contact with the coach are tested for the virus. The coach has been serving the mandatory quarantine period away from the campus," an IIS official said. "The wrestlers and boxer Krishan were anyway supposed to leave. Recent developments forced them to leave earlier than scheduled," added the official.

It was learnt that the wrestlers and boxers left the facility on August 17. The national camp for male wrestlers competing in Olympic weight categories will begin at the SAI Centre in Sonepat from September 1.

Even when sporting activities were stalled across disciplines since the lockdown was imposed in March, training was going on at IIS. Bajrang and Jitender Kinha (74kg) were training under Georgian coach Shako Bentinidis. Wrestlers Pooja Dhanda (57kg) and Gaurav Baliyan (74kg) were also training there for the last couple of months.

"We (him, coach and Jitender) left IIS last week. I didn't come in contact with the person who tested positive," said Bajrang.

While elite athletes have left, around 28 boxers including Chennai's S Kalaivani and Manju Bombariya apart from junior track and field athletes are at the institute. "Following the latest development, they have been asked to stay in their rooms before we bring the situation under control. Training will resume soon," said the official.

EXPRESS READ

Majority yet to join archery national camp

NEW DELHI: A total of four archers reached Pune's Army Sports Institute on the opening day of the national camp on Tuesday. Army archers — Tarundeep Rai, Pravin Jadhav and B Dhiraj — were already at the venue since the lockdown. The camp was supposed to be made up of eight male and as many female archers but most of them delayed their arrival due to varied reasons.

Sony bags Lanka telecast rights

CHENNAI: Sony Pictures Networks India has acquired global media rights for Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), with the exception of terrestrial, digital and radio rights for the territory of Sri Lanka, for three years starting July 1, 2020. The deal includes rights for India's tour of Sri Lanka in July, 2021.

Ministry and IOA to knock SC door

NEW DELHI: The sports ministry and Indian Olympic Association have decided to approach the Supreme Court to challenge a Delhi High Court order. Delhi HC barred the ministry from taking decisions on federations without consulting the court. The ministry had to withdraw recognition granted to 57 federations.

Police to investigate Bolt birthday party

AFP @New York

USAIN Bolt was in quarantine, as Jamaican media reported that the sprint legend had tested positive for coronavirus, just days after celebrating his 34th birthday with a lavish party.

The retired 100m and 200m world-record holder didn't confirm his test result, but he urged anyone who had been in contact with him to go into quarantine. "I did a test on Saturday to leave (Jamaica) because I have work," Bolt said in a video on Twitter. "I am trying to be responsible so I am going to stay in and be safe."

According to the *Jamaica Observer*, health and wellness minister Christopher Tufton confirmed late on Monday that the eight-time Olympic champ had tested positive. Jamaica's Prime Minister Andrew Holness said police are investigating the circumstances surrounding Bolt's birthday party.

"There are reports of an activity related to Usain Bolt," Holness told a virtual news conference. "These matters are all being thoroughly investigated and the police will give a report on these matters in near future." Bolt said he had no signs of any disease.

"Also, I am having no symptoms. I will quarantine myself and wait on the confirmation to see what is the protocol and to see how I go about quarantining myself from the ministry of health. Until then, I will call my friends and tell them once they came in contact with me to be safe, quarantine and take it easy," said Bolt.

Britain's *Guardian* newspaper reported that friends had thrown him a surprise birthday the night before that was attended by other sporting stars including Manchester City star footballer Raheem Sterling.

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Publication of Notice u/s 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act.

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and whose loan accounts have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

S. No.	Name of Borrower/ Guarantor (s) / security provider/s	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice	Date of NPA	Amount Outstanding
1	**Mr. Vijay Kumar, S/o. Kannappa,** No.543/18/62/1, at Maruti Prime Apartment, Flat No.D-05, on 3rd Floor, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. **Also at Mr. Vijay Kumar, S/o. Mr. Kannappa,** # 74, Sriram Layout, 1st Main, 3rd 'B' Cross, Near Reliance Fresh, T. C. Palya, Bangalore -560036. **Also at : Mr. Vijay Kumar, M/s Addict Clothing Co,** Office address at # 30/3, 1st Main, 2nd Floor, Kodichikkanahalli Road,Bangalore -560068 **("the Borrower" &"Mortgagor") Mrs. Shila.M W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar,** No.543/18/62/1, at Maruti Prime, Apartment, Flat No.D-05, on 3rd Floor, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. **Also at: Mrs. Shila. M W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar,** Sri Nanjundeshwara Nilaya, Maruti Extension, Malur, Ward No.09, Kolar-563130. **("the Co-borrower\Co-applicant") Mrs. Jayalakshmi, W/o Mr. Kannappa,** No.543/18/62/1, at Maruti Prime Apartment, Flat No.D-05, on 3rd Floor, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068. **Also at: Mrs. Jayalakshmi,W/o Mr. Kannappa,** # 74, Sriram Layout, 1st Main, 3rd 'B' Cross, Near Reliance Fresh, T. C. Palya, Bangalore -560036. **("the Co-borrower\Co-applicant")**	(Larger extent of land owned by the Owners and offered for development to the Developer herein) **Item No.1** All the piece and parcel of the property/Plot bearing No.300, measuring 800 Square Feet.,formed in the project known as "VIP KING'S TOWN"which is developed on the properties bearing (1) Survey No. 42/1B, present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/1B1A, measuring Dry Ext. Hect.1.24.5 (or) Ac.3.07, Asst.Rs.4.20, in this and extent of Ac.2.85 cents, and (2) Survey No.42/2, the present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/2A, measuring Dry Ext.Hect.1.49.0 (or) Acre 3.68, Asst Rs.5.04 np., in this an extent of Acre 3.45 cents, both Situated at Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli Village Panchayath Limit, and Union Council of Hosur, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, and bounded on:- North: 25 Feet wide Layout Road. South: Plot No.341, East: Plot No.301, West: Plot No.299, **Within these boundaries measuring:-** East to West on the North Side:- 20 Feet,East to West on the South Side:- 20 Feet, North to South on the East Side:- 40 Feet, North to South on the West Side:- 40 Feet. **Item No.2** All that piece and parcel of the property/Plot No.301, measuring 800 Square Feet., formed in the project known as"VIP KING'S TOWN"which is developed on the properties bearing (1) Survey No.42/1B, present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/1B1A, measuring Dry Ext. Hect.1.24.5 (or) Ac.3.07, Asst. Rs. 4.20, in this and extent of Ac.2.85 cents, and (2) Survey No.42/2, the present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/2A, measuring Dry Ext.Hect.1.49.0 (or) Acre 3.68, Asst Rs.5.04 np., in this an extent of Acre 3.45 cents, both Situated at Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli Village Panchayath Limit, and Union Council of Hosur, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District. And **bounded on:-** North: 25 Feet wide layout road, South: Plot No.340, East: Plot No.302. West: Plot No. 300, **Within these boundaries measuring:-** East to West on the North Side:- 20 Feet, East to West on the South Side:- 20 Feet, North to South on the East Side:- 40 Feet, North to South on the West Side:- 40 Feet. **Item No.3,** All that piece and parcel of the property/plot No. 302, measuring 800 Square Feet, formed in the project known as"VIP KING'S TOWN"which is developed on the properties bearing (1) Survey No.42/1B, present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/1B1A, measuring Dry Ext.Hect.1.24.5 (or) Ac.3.07, Asst.Rs.4.20, in this and extent of Ac.2.85 cents, and (2) Survey No.42/2, the present Sub-Division being Survey Number 42/2A, measuring Dry Ext.Hect.1.49.0 (or) Acre 3.68, Asst Rs.5.04 np., in this an extent of Acre 3.45 cents, both Situated at Kodiyalam Village, Sevaganapalli Village Panchayath Limit, and Union Council of Hosur, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District. **And bounded on:-** North: 25 Feet wide layout road South: Plot No.339, East: Plot No.303, West: Plot No.301, **Within these boundaries measuring:-** East to West on the North Side:- 20 Feet, East to West on the South Side:- 20 Feet, North to South on the East Side:- 40 Feet,North to South on the West Side:- 40 Feet. Totally admeasuring 2400 Square Feet.	**20th March 2020**	**Feb. 14, 2020**	**Rs. 17,82,907.33** (Seventeen Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven and Thirty Three Paise Only) as on 19.03.2020
2	**Mr. N.Venkatesh, S/o: Mr. C. Narasimha Murthy, Residing at:** 31/4, 18th Cross, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560055. Ph:-9845277847. **Also at: TRI Marketing INC** No.216/A, 13th Main, Tank Bund Road, Subramanya Nagar, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka-560021 **("the Borrower" &"Mortgagor") Ms.K.Nalinakshi, W/o Mr.N.Venkatesh, Residing at** 31/4, 18th Cross, 8thMain Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560055. Ph:-9845277847. **("the Co-borrower")**	**Schedule A Property** (Larger extent of land owned by the Owners and offered for development to the Developer herein) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant land, measuring an extent of 23 Guntas, comprised in Survey No.11/2, Katha No.5131/11-3, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:- **Boundaries:** North: Survey No.11/2, South: VMAKS Apartment, East: Road, West: Ananth Nagar Layout. **Schedule-B Property** (Undivided share of land hereby conveyed by the Owners and Developer to the Purchaser/s herein) 375 Square. Feet., of undivided share, title and interest forming part of the Schedule-A, mentioned property. **Schedule-C Property** (Apartment hereby constructed by the Developer /Promoter and delivered to the Purchaser/s herein) An apartment measuring a super built-up area, measuring 1250 Square Feet., bearing 2 BHK Apartment No.G-002, located in the Ground Floor of B-Block, Katha No.5112-11/2, of the apartment called as "PRAKRUTHI SOLITAIRE" developed on the Schedule A mentioned property, together with 1 covered car parking space in the basement., and bounded on. East By: F-001, West By: Lobby in Ground Floor, North By:Open Space, South By: G-003.	**12th March 2020**	**Jan 15, 2020**	**Rs. 47,39,404** (Forty Seven Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Four Only) as on 03.03.2020

The above borrowers and /or guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act. Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
For YES BANK Limited

Date: 26.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E- AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable property described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following, terms Et conditions

1.	Names and Address of the secured creditor	**Canara Bank, E Syndicate Bank,** Electronic City 2 Branch - No 19/12, 35/1 Konapanna Agrahara, Hosur Main Road, Electronic City, Bangalore 560100. Ph.: 080 28520102, Mob: 9449862008. **Mail:cb10494@canarabank.com**
2	Names and Address of the Borrower	**Mr. Raveesh Singh,** S/o Late Virendra Singh, D 06 Silver County Apt 48 210 : Off S Kudlu Lakedew Residency Phase 2 Bangalore.
3.	Total liabilities as on 31/12/2018	**Rs.55,70,313/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Three Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on **31.12.2018** with further interest and costs till date of payment.
4.	Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender and Submission of EMD	**25.09.2020 up to 4.00 P M**
5.	Address in which the online tender to be submitted	1.The Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, SME Bommasandra Branch. 2. Canara Bank, E Syndicate Bank, Electronic city 2 Branch 10494, No 19/12,35/1 Konapanna Agrahara, Hosur Main Road, Electronic city Bangalore.
6.	Date and time of e-auction (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid)	**28.09.2020 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM**
6a	Portal for E-auction	**https://indianbankseauction.com**

6b: Details of property: Description of the Immovable property Residential Flat # Flat No102 in BRINDAVAN ANNEXE Apartment with super built up area of 1488 sq feet including proportionate share in common areas and one covered car parking apace in the stilt floor along with 491 sq ft UDS, right , title, interest and ownership in the converted land bearing SY No 101/2, measuring to an extent of 5.36 Guntas and totally measuring 15.36 Guntas situated at HARLURU village, Varth OP Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangaluru presently falls in the limit of BBMP, Bangaluru duly converted for Non Agriculture Residential purposes by the DC, Bangaluru District, Bangalore. East by: Open Sky, West by: Common Corridor, North by: Open to sky thereafter Flat No 101 South by: Open to sky and Flat No 103.

Rs.53,80,000/-(Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Thousand only) EMD - Rs.5,38,000/-(Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand only)

7. Other terms and conditions:

The auction sale will be online e-auction-through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com**

a) The properties will be sold in "As is where is & as is what is" condition including encumbrances, if any.
b) The property can be inspected on **20/09/2020 between 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM** with prior appointment.
c) The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, but bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs.10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand only).
d) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED, Bangalore (Contact no 9480691777/8553643144, E-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in**
e) Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://indianbankseauction.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
f) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED.**
g) EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring **Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Electronic city 2 Branch OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 04943170000018, Canara Bank, Electronic city 2 Branch, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE IFSC:SYNB0000494** (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) before submitting the bids online.
h) Bids shall be submitted through online with relevant details.
I) A copy of the bid form along with the enclosure submitted on line shall be forwarded to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Electronic city 2 Branch, Bangalore (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) immediately.
j) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
k) The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance ',,,,iLNn 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by parties shall be forfeited:
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges and TDS amount as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
m) It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue/dues to any local authority and any/all such taxes, revenue/dues to any local/statutory authority, if any, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
n) Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.
o) The intending bidder/s shall also attach a copy of the PAN Card issued by the income Tax department and his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Passport, Driving license, etc.

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Date: 24.08.2020
Place: Bangalore

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Songbirds in tropical rainforests curtail their reproduction to help them survive droughts, according to a study. It found that instead of trying to juggle the demands of new offspring and harsh environmental conditions, most of the songbird species studied opted to reduce their reproduction during drought.

EXFILE

Parched and choked

Firefighters made small progress on Monday as they battled to contain the historic wildfires in California, with potentially dangerous lightning storms proving milder than expected. As the battle to contain fire is on, a look at whys and hows of this threat...

15,14,687
ACRES BURNT IN 2020

7,012
INCIDENTS OF WILDFIRES
—Summary of all incidents in 2020 (CAL FIRE)

FIRES ARE INEVITABLE

According to fire scientists, trying to manage California's wildfires is like trying to hold back a tidal wave. And it's getting worse, fast. Area burned by wildfire in California increased more than fivefold since 1972, from a five-year average of 236 square miles (611 square kilometres) a year to 1,394 square miles (3,610 square kilometres) a year, according to a 2019 study.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Dozens of studies in recent years have linked bigger wildfires in America to global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas, especially because it dries plants and makes them more flammable. As the climate gets warm, snow melts early that gives more time to dry plants in the summer. With rains coming later than usual, fire season gets extended.

In California, a Mediterranean climate sets up ideal conditions for fire, which is worsened by climate change. That means long hot and dry summers with a handful of winter storms bringing rain and snow.

This year saw some of the hottest days in California with Death Valley National Park recording a highest of 54.4C.

The staggering scale of fires coming this early during fire season is unprecedented. There was some relief for fire crews overnight as high temperatures and low humidity that aided in fires eased a bit.

THREE MAJOR FIRES

LNU COMPLEX FIRE
Second largest fire in the history of the state, reportedly burnt 350,000 acres. It erupted north of San Francisco on August 8 & was 22 per cent contained on Monday.

SCU COMPLEX FIRE
The SCU Complex Fire is next on scale. It burned 347,000 odd acres. About 10 per cent was contained early on Monday

CZU AUGUST LIGHTNING
Next in scale is the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire. Around 78,000 acres have been affected.

California has a really flammable ecosystem. People are living in flammable places, providing ignition, starting the wildfires against a backdrop of a warming climate that is making wildfires worse.

Jennifer Balch, University of Colorado fire scientist

200
Helicopters and C-130 air tankers have been sent

LOW AIR QUALITY
The worsening air quality and the Covid-19 situation is making it difficult for people to be evacuated. Air quality is turning into a major issue

WORKFORCE STRETCHED
Firefighting resources are stretched and there are reports that homes in remote places which are difficult to access have been burnt unattended

CREDIT: CAL, FIRE/AP/AFP/AGENCIES

12000
Lightning siege, as it is called, started on August 15 with nearly 12,000 lightning strikes in around 72 hours

625
The number of wildfires still raging across the state because of the strikes. It has burnt over 1.2 mn acres

17
Number of dangerous active wildfires across the state.

14,000+
Firefighting personnel have been deployed

2400+
Fire engines at work

PANDEMIC SLOWS DOWN

Coronavirus cases drop by five per cent globally & deaths decrease by 12 per cent

ENCOURAGING SIGN

GENEVA: The coronavirus pandemic is still raging worldwide, but fresh World Health Organisation (WHO) data indicates its pace is easing in most regions, with the biggest slowdown seen in the hard-hit Americas.

More than 1.7 million new coronavirus cases and some 39,000 new deaths were recorded last week, the WHO said in a situation report published late Monday. The numbers for the seven-day period ending on August 23 mark a five-per cent decrease in new Covid-19 cases globally and a 12-percent drop in new deaths compared to a week earlier.

Despite the slowdown, the fresh numbers pushed the global total since the start of the pandemic to well over 23 million cases and more than 800,000 deaths.

With the exception of Southeast Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean, all regions registered declines in new numbers, the UN health agency said. The Americas remain by far the hardest-hit in the pandemic, accounting last week for half of all newly reported cases and 62 percent of deaths.

But the region also saw the biggest slowdown, with the number of new cases decreasing 11 percent and new deaths falling 17 percent from a week earlier, driven in part by reduced transmission reported from the United States and Brazil — the world's two worst-affected countries, the data showed.

The WHO meanwhile cautioned that several countries and territories in the Caribbean had reported large increases in cases, and suggested this could be linked to growing tourism. WHO's Southeast Asia region — the second-most affected — accounted for 28 per cent of all new cases and 19 percent of all new deaths reported globally last week, with both categories swelling four percent compared to a week earlier, the data showed.

India continues to report the vast majority of confirmed cases and deaths in that WHO region, with 455,000 new cases last week. That brought its total to well over three million and with more than 6,700 new deaths pushed its toll up to over 56,700. In the Eastern Mediterranean region too the number of cases continued to climb last week, rising four percent from a week earlier, but new deaths in the region dipped for the sixth week in a row.

Meanwhile in Europe, where the number of new cases has been steadily climbing in recent weeks, the pace slowed slightly, by one percent last week, the data showed.

New fatalities in Europe continued to slow, falling a full 12 per cent compared to a week earlier.

Wastewater, a potential new virus threat

EMERGING HOTSPOTS

JERUSALEM: Wastewater containing coronaviruses, such as the one behind the pandemic, may be a potential threat, according to a new study which calls for additional filtration steps in sewage treatment plants to successfully remove viruses.

The research assessed recent studies on coronaviruses in wastewater. According to the review research, conventional wastewater treatment provides only partial removal of coronaviruses, with safe disposal or reuse depending on the effectiveness of final disinfection.

"There is ample reason to be concerned about how long coronaviruses survive in wastewater and how it impacts natural water sources," said study lead author Edo Bar-Zeev from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. "Can wastewater contain enough coronaviruses to infect people? The truth is that we do not know enough."

NEW NORMAL IN NEW YORK

Osborn, the sea lion (R), engages visitors during a show at the New York Aquarium on Monday. The aquarium reopened to members only, who had to reserve tickets online to limit attendance and maintain social distancing | AFP

Finally, Africa free of wild poliovirus

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT

JOHANNESBURG: Health authorities on Tuesday are expected to declare Africa free of the wild poliovirus after decades of effort, though cases of vaccine-derived polio are still sparking outbreaks of the paralysing disease in more than a dozen countries.

The declaration would leave Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan as the only countries thought to still have the wild poliovirus, with vaccination efforts against the highly infectious, water-borne disease complicated by insecurity and attacks on health workers.

The announcement by the African Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication comes after no cases have been reported for four years. Polio once paralysed some 75,000 children a year across Africa.

Health authorities see the declaration as a rare glint of good news in Africa amid the pandemic, an Ebola outbreak in western Congo, the worst measles outbreak in Congo and the challenges of malaria, HIV and tuberculosis.

The WHO says it is the second time a virus has been eradicated in Africa, after the elimination of smallpox four decades ago. But sometimes surveillance across the vast continent of 1.3 billion people raises the possibility that scattered cases of the wild poliovirus still remain, undetected.

The final push to combat the poliovirus focused on northern Nigeria, where the Boko Haram Islamic extremist group has carried out a deadly insurgency for more than a decade.

Health workers at times carried out vaccinations on the margins of the insecurity, putting their lives at risk.

Africa's last reported case of the wild poliovirus was in Nigeria in 2016. The country a year earlier had been removed from the global list of polio-endemic nations, but new cases were then reported in children in the north.

This new declaration doesn't mean the continent is polio-free. Cases remain of the so-called vaccine-derived polio virus, which is a rare mutated form of the weakened but live virus contained in the oral polio vaccine.

EXPRESS QUIZ

National Sports Day

1 **National Sports Day is celebrated on 29 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. Dhyan Chand Award is awarded for the contribution to sports development lifetime. Fifteen sportspersons have been selected for the prestigious Dhyan Chand Award 2020. Which of the below awards is presented by the President of India on the National Sports Day?**

a) Khel Ratna, and Arjuna Awards
b) Dronacharya Awards
c) Dhyan Chand Award
d) All of the above

2 **Dhyan Chand had scored over 400 goals in 22 years, spanning from 1926 to 1948. Apart from bringing laurels to the country, Dhyan Chand also served in the Indian Army. In which year did he lead India to the Olympic gold medal?**

a) 1928 b) 1932
c) 1936 d) All of the above

3 **Dhyan Chand died in 1979. As a tribute to the legendary hockey player, which stadium was renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Stadium?**

a) Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
b) Willingdon Pavilion, New Delhi
c) National Stadium, New Delhi
d) Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi

4 **Dhyan Chand was often referred to as the Father of Indian sports. Dhyan Chand was honoured Padma Bhushan in 1956. What was Dhyan Chand colloquially known as, for his extraordinary goal-scoring skills?**

a) The Phantom of Delhi b) The Wizard
c) The Magician d) The Sorcerer

5 **Former Indian national team coach Sukhwinder Singh has been nominated for the prestigious Dhyan Chand Award 2020. After Shabbir Ali (2011) and Syed Shahid Hakeem (2017), Sukhwinder Singh will only be the third person to receive the award from the football category. Which of the below have not won the prestigious Dhyan Chand Award in 2019?**

a) Manuel Fredricks (Hockey), and Arup Basak (Table tennis)
b) Manoj Kumar (Wrestling)
c) Jincy Philips (Athletics), and N. Usha (Boxing)
d) Nitten Kirrtane (Tennis), and C Lalremsanga (Archery)

KEY: 1D 2D 3C 4B 5C

Quizmaster **Sunil Dhavala** is a media entrepreneur. This alumnus of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has held senior roles at Bertelsmann, National Geographic, Fox Broadcasting, Star TV and WPP.

ACADEMIC INTEREST

South Korean students forced to go back to online classes

VIRTUAL REALITY

SEOUL: Millions of South Korean students were ordered back to online classes Tuesday and Mexico launched a nationwide televised schooling programme, highlighting the deepening crisis for children as the coronavirus pandemic drags into a ninth month.

The school closures were part of new measures in many parts of the to halt the disease that has killed more than 813,000 people and infected over 23 million, according to an *AFP* tally.

The latest high-profile case was sprint legend Usain Bolt, who was in quarantine Monday after undergoing a test for the virus that Jamaican media reported had come back positive.

The retired 100 and 200 metres world-record holder said on Twitter that he was "trying to be responsible" by going into isolation, but he did not confirm the result. He is one of a growing number of sports personalities to have fallen victim as the virus touches all corners of society.

In the education sector, the

United Nations estimates at least 60 percent of the global student population has been impacted by school closures across more than 140 countries. All schools and kindergartens in the greater Seoul region were told on Tuesday to return to online learning as authorities battled multiple coronavirus clusters.

Another 280 infections were reported on Tuesday, taking South Korea's total to almost 18,000. "The alarming emergence of mass infections since August is turning up as infections of our students and staff members," Education Minister Yoo Eun-hae told reporters.

In Mexico, around 30 million children began a new school year on Monday with lessons via television in a nationwide experiment in distance learning. The government has teamed up with four private television stations to broadcast classes across the Latin American country, which has recorded more than 60,000 deaths from the virus.

Face-to-face lessons have already been suspended since March. The government said it chose TV because it reached 94 percent of the country, compared with between 70 and 80 percent for the internet. "I'm worried about how good the (lessons) can be through television," said one father, Alfredo Urdiain, whose 11-year-old son Emiliano is taking part.

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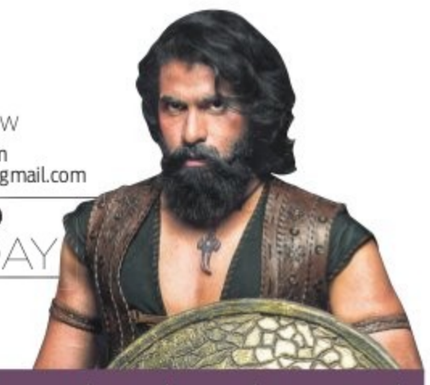

DAY'S DIARY

Chittorgarh seized

In Rajput history, Chittorgarh was sacked by three different rulers. The first siege of Chittorgarh was on this day, in 1303, by Alauddin Khilji

THE KING & HIS CONQUESTS

Khilji was one of India's greatest kings and one of the world's greatest military geniuses. Soon after his establishment on the throne, he embarked upon a career of conquests

CALL FOR WAR

Khilji started a war against Rana Ratan Singh as he wasn't allowed to see Rani Padmini in person. He plotted to take Rana hostage. In the battle, 7,000 warriors lost their lives

SELF-IMMOLATION

After their husbands' defeat, the Rani and other women, dressed in their wedding fine, slid their farewells, singing ancient hymns, boldly entered the mahal, and performed *jauhar*

Puneeth to direct historical drama for Yuvarajkumar

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THE BIG PICTURE

In her book, *Badri Narayan: Portrait of the Artist as Storyteller*, city-based author Prema Viswanathan delves deep into the life of the artist

• Vidya Iyengar

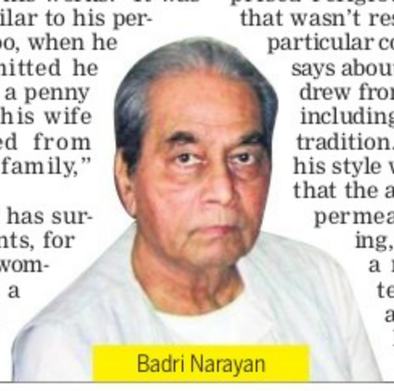
Simple yet complex. Spontaneous, intuitive like a child's art, with a lot to unravel. That was contemporary artist Badri Narayan, in the words of author Prema Viswanathan, who has chronicled the life, times and works in her book titled *Badri Narayan: Portrait of the Artist as Storyteller*. On Wednesday, Viswanathan will be in discussion with Marg's publisher, Rizio Yohannan Raj. The book, a first in Marg's Indian Modern series and co-published by Pundole's, is a tribute to Narayan's creative genius. The digital book has an introduction by poet and writer Ranjit Hoskote.

Work on project started in 2009 when Viswanathan was commissioned the book. She came down from Singapore where she was then based, and met Narayan who shared stories, although he was fragile and struggling with Parkinson's. But for reasons that Viswanathan doesn't reveal, the project was shelved by the publisher. "They suggested I take it to another publisher, but I got busy and it was in 2018, when I approached the publisher again, that they decided to take it forward," says Viswanathan.

Much had changed in the decade – Narayan was no more, Viswanathan had re-located to Bengaluru, and required updating and speaking to the family again. "Not much has been written about Badri," says Viswanathan. Incidentally, although her journalism career in the '80s had led her to meeting several luminaries in the art field, she had only interacted with him as a contributor for the publication she was then associated with.

"He was simple and naive, and lived an introverted life in the one-room apartment in Chembur in Mumbai for over five decades until he moved to Bengaluru in the early 2000s owing to health issues," she says, adding that the artist never believed in hierarchy, and that's something that comes through in his works. "It was sort of similar to his personal life too, when he – who admitted he didn't have a penny – married his wife who hailed from a wealthy family," she says.

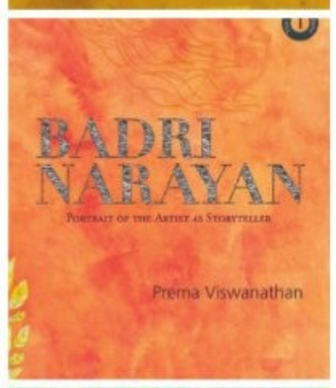
His work has surreal elements, for instance a woman rowing a boat with an umbrella, or a treasure chest opening in the middle of an ocean, and was open to interpretation. "Many of his paintings foreground women, and had the profile of men rather than a direct gaze. Often, his work comprised religious symbolism that wasn't restricted to any particular community," she says about the artist who drew from many styles, including the miniature tradition. "When I mean his style was simple and that the art of the child permeated his painting, I mean he was a minimalist in terms of lines and colours. But along with the minimalism you find a rich symbolism that lent complexity to his art," she says.



Badri Narayan

Though Viswanathan has been writing for years, the book (which is around 160 pages) demanded much research and reference, and required several linkages to be made. When she re-looked at the manuscript, she re-worked it, condensing the original 11 chapters into seven. "His wife, Indira, glanced through the e-book but wants to read a hard copy. The plan is to have it in print shortly," says Viswanathan.

(Prema Viswanathan will be in conversation with Rizio Yohannan Raj, on August 26, 6pm - 7.30 pm. Register at bit.ly/margreadings1)



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—**Prema Viswanathan,** author

KNOW YOUR CITY

Mention Bengaluru, and the first images that come to mind are its heritage buildings, IT parks and weather, not to mention the pub culture. But how familiar are you with the city's history? Take part in our weekly quiz series, curated by city-based history researcher Arun Prasad, to learn more about namma Ooru. It will be published every Wednesday. Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of the first three respondents will be featured in CE on Thursday.

Questions

1. Rev. Ferdinand Kittel, a German missionary, linguist and Indologist, is referred to as a 'Kannada Saint' for his contribution to Kannada language and literature. A statue is installed at a prominent locality in Bengaluru in his honour. Where is it located?

2. The labour rights movement was started in Bengaluru in 1920 when the textile mill workers organised a strike for the first time demanding a share of profit for their extra working hours. The strike was led by a prominent member of Indian National Congress. Name the leader in whose name a park in Malleswaram and a circle in Sadashivanagar is named after.

3. Jawaharalal Nehru, the then Prime Minister, laid the foundation of Vidhana Shoudha on July 13, 1951. The state's administration was initially based out of the present High Court building. What was it called then?

In good humour

• Express Features

Banti Banerjee

The work from home life can be one full of drudgery. Some city-based artistes, however, are trying to help Bengalureans cope with it through the age-old medicine of laughter. The Funny Monks is a group of city residents from different fields like banking, data science and engineering, whose upcoming improv show aims to lighten the mood around this new way of life. Called *Cabin Fever: Comedy Live*, the show will have these professionals by day, comedians by night look at impromptu sketches around topics like everything that goes wrong with video calls, how things have changed with the coronavirus pandemic, how chai breaks and parties are all virtual, and more. "There's no script. We play off of what the audience members give us," says Aditya HK, a data analytics specialist at Swiggy and one of the members of the group that was formed three years ago. The other members are: Banti Banerjee, a programme manager in banking; mechanical engineer Jyotirmaya Behera; and Sanket N, who is an actor and emcee.

Aditya says improv comedy is a form of comedic art where all performances are spontaneous and unscripted. He adds, "For example, two members from the group will play the roles of an employee and a manager. We then ask the audience members to give us an object. It could be something as wild as a gun and then we'll build humour around it." His fellow member, Banerjee, says, "Since we build this in front of the audience, everything is fresh." The idea, she adds, is to lighten the mood and help people release some endorphins.

Aditya HK

The one-hour show would have the members interact with the audience every 5 or 10 minutes – which is quite different from a one-way online comedy show. This connection, the members hope, might help someone find solace even in isolation. "We want them to feel like they are a part of the show. Maybe they can also find the content relatable and realise that no one is alone. We're all in this together," says Aditya.

The live show, hosted by Dialogues, will take place on Aug 29 at 7pm. Tickets are priced at ₹150. Check dialogues.space for more details.

A class act

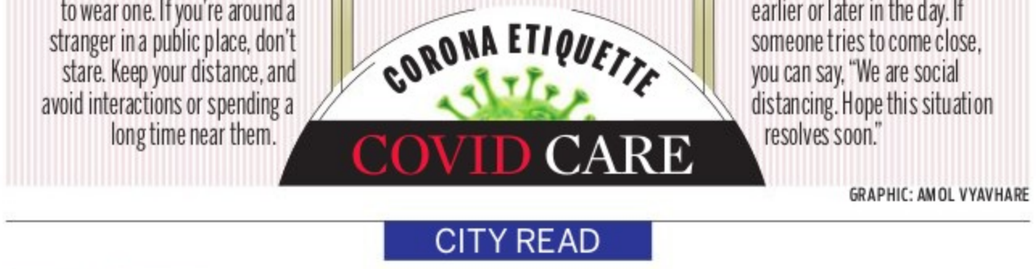
• Express Features

Two schoolchildren, a 20-something youngster whose parents want him to pursue engineering, and a father who never got to complete his education. Theatre for Change's upcoming rehearsed reading couldn't be more apt for Teachers' Day. The reading is of *Headstart*, a play by Bangalore Little Theatre's founder-trustee Vijay Padaki. It looks at the experiences in education faced by three generations in the '90s. "It is a play about academics but told in an unacademic and fun way," says Sujatha Balakrishnan, founder of the group.

The one-hour play deals with different elements related to education, like stereotypes and helicopter parenting. "Besides the characters of two families, there is also an aunt and a sister in a school, who throw light on the pressure kids face," says Balakrishnan. The play has been directed by Shatarupa Bhattacharyya. "Teaching and education go hand in hand and we felt this would be a good play for the occasion," says Balakrishnan.

The play, which is being shown in association with Rotary Bengaluru Orion Gateway, is also an initiative to raise funds for the cancer treatment of marginalised women. "This play resonates with the vision of Rotary International: Education is true empowerment. Theatre is something that portrays real life the way it is," says organisation president Anu Pallavi Gokhale. She adds, "Are parents doing the right thing by pressurising the children to do well in their exams, where the students, in turn, suffer from anxiety? Maybe the play will leave the audience with some food for thought."

Tickets available on Razorpay. The link, which goes live on Sept. 5, will be sent to viewers upon ticket purchase.



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CITY READ

Hospital pods launched to fight Covid-19

City-based design and build company VEVRA has allied with a Portugal based Healthcare IoT company InnoWave Group to introduce 'Vevra Pods'. This project consists of movable capsules that aim to assist in the infrastructure of local hospitals across India. Dr. K. Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister for government of Karnataka launched the hospital pods.

STAYING AFLOAT

Fight or flight: Animal sanctuary turns to public to get through tough times

• Vidya Iyengar

In March, when the team at Prani – The Pet Sanctuary on Kanakpura Road – took their annual break, little did they know that their vacation would extend to over six months. The bird and animal sanctuary, which is like a children's learning space, is now struggling for survival, as they have been hit badly in this ongoing pandemic. With costs running high and funds drying out, founder Sanjeev Pednekar is crowdfunding and turning to the public to keep the place alive.

"We've not had a single visitor in months. The visits were our only steady source of income to sustain the birds and animals. We have not had a single school child visit us since February 2020 and our funds are drying up," says Pednekar (30). It costs Prani over ₹7.5 lakh every month to take care of the 700+ animals and birds. This comprises rent for the three-acre property, well-being of 12 labourers, and food, medicine and vet visits for their animals. These include a horse, five ponies, four donkeys, a cow, five sheep, 17 goats, over 60 rabbits, guinea pigs; over 20 ducks, geese, turkeys, and roosters; over 450 exotic birds, 17 iguanas, seven dogs, seven emus, over 30 terrapins and close to 140 exotic rodents. "We are looking to raise ₹40 lakh, which also includes paying up of past dues," he says.

It costs Prani more than ₹7.5 lakh a month to take care of over 700 animals and birds

Prani was set up in 2017 and was meant to be a safe haven for rescued animals, birds and reptiles. But Pednekar didn't want to stop at that. "We wanted to educate the young minds of India about co-existing. Our 25-member team comprises rescuers and caretakers who not only rehabilitate these animals, but also help build their confidence with humans," says Pednekar, adding that the experience to touch and feed the animals in a controlled environment makes children more empathetic towards them.

The average footfall on a weekday was over 500 during the week with at least five school visits, and another 500 over the weekend. "Most of the animals and birds are exotic creatures, often bought from illegal markets. Many of those who purchase these creatures are unaware of their caring needs and abandon them. We save these animals since they are incapable of fending for themselves in the wild and we attend to their requirements," he says.

Pednekar is hopeful that schools will re-open soon, which will help them see some footfall. "But we are going to restrict the numbers that can enter at any given point in time," he says.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SIMPLE BURRITO

INGREDIENTS

FOR SALSA
- **Onion:** 1
- **Tomato:** 1
- **Lemon:** 1/2
- **Chilli:** 1 (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

FOR BURRITO
- **Salsa:** 1 cup
- **Hot and sweet sauce:** 2 tbsp
- **Cheese slices:** 2
- **Rajma:** 1.5 cup
- **Rotis:** 2, slightly large

METHOD
- Finely dice the onion, tomato and chilli. Mix together with lemon, salt and pepper in a bowl.
- Break up cheese slices. Put it on top of rajma, heat in the microwave till cheese melts. Mix.
- First put the rajma-cheese mixture of the roti. Add salsa, and then hot and sweet sauce. Roll it up and serve.

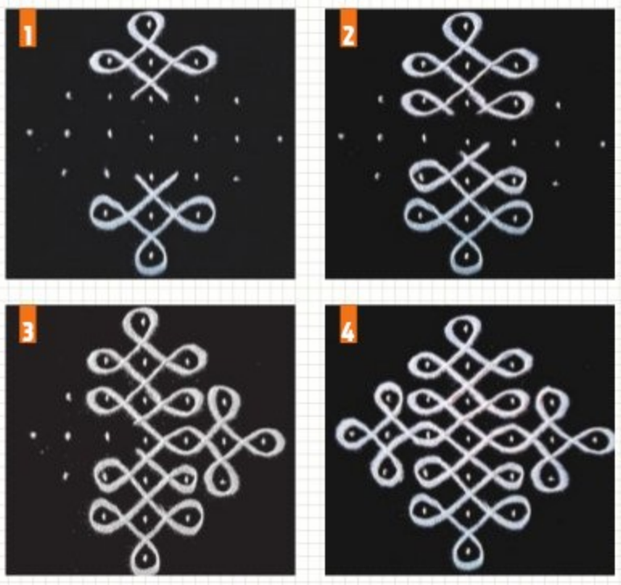
– by Kopal Seth, Delhi

DOTS & DESIGNS

SIMPLE SIKKU KOLAM

- Draw dots in odd numbers from 7 to 1 vertically and horizontally.
- Draw the basic sikku design in two corners.
- Extend the design to the rest of the dots.
- Draw the same basic design in the other two corners.
- Connect the lines as seen in the picture.

– by Gandhimathy Senthilkumar



BRIGHT SPOT

A HEAVY HARVEST

It was during the lockdown that 45-year-old Krishna Prasad, from Kalavoor in Alappuzha, discovered that the dung produced by his elephants could be of use for his farming. By using composting techniques, Krishna created manure from elephant dung which quickened the growth of several vegetables in his farm. He now produces 500 kg of organic vegetables every week. He grows paddy, bitter gourd, long beans, okra, brinjal, snake gourd, tapioca and plantains. Krishna adds the dung to his compost pit along with the other biodegradable waste from his farm. Elephants digest only 40 per cent of the food they eat and the remaining is excreted in a fibrous form. This helps the compost become fertile, and plants start growing faster. A local vegetable vendor collects the harvest to sell them.

APPSMART

Dollarbird
The app helps you to track and forecast your money as easily as adding events to a calendar.
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Gratitude
The gratitude journal helps you keep a tab on things you're grateful for on a daily basis and document them systematically.
Available on: iOS and Android

FIT BIT

GORAKSHASANA (COWHERD POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Goraksh' means 'cowherd' and 'asana' means 'posture'. It is an intermediate level pose with various mental and health benefits. To perform this asana, the practitioner needs a lot of flexibility in the leg muscles. It is named after Yogi Goraksanath, founder of the Nath yoga tradition. It is accordingly practised by Tantric devotees and the Kanphata yogis. It is one of the 84 asanas (postures) taught in the second chapter of the 'Gherandasamhita.' It is a major constituent of the Hatha yoga practice. It's also goes by the name Bhadrasana.

STEPS
- Sit in Padmasana (Lotus Position). Stretch the arms forward and place them on the floor.
- Pushing the hands into the floor, raise your hips from the floor.
- Now, stretch the trunk up vertically and keep the knees on the floor.
- In this position, stretch the thighs and balance gradually by lifting your hands one by one off the floor.
- If your balance is secured, you can fold the hands in front of the chest forming Namaskar mudra. Hold the position as long as you can.
- To release, place your hands on the floor, sit down and release your legs.
- Now change the leg position and repeat the pose for the same length of time.

BENEFITS
- Makes the legs and feet muscles extremely flexible.
- Especially recommended against Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS).
- Regular practise helps remove spasm and stiffness of the knee joints, ankles and hips, buttocks, and calves.
- Leads to good digestion and excretion. It also helps to reduce stomach-related gastic problems.
- Awakens the Kundalini and slows down the process of ageing.
- Beneficial in various kidney disorders.
- Tones reproductive organs.
- Improves concentration and helps calms the mind.
- Prevents the development of hernia and relieves sciatica.
- Increases blood circulation.
- Effective in reducing body fat and bringing the body into the right shape.
- Stimulates the Muladhara chakra and activates your sexual energy.
- Beneficial for reducing problems during pregnancy.

LIMITATIONS
- Those who have knee pain should avoid this.
- If you have intestinal diseases or thyroid, don't practise this.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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KENDASAMPIGE
Ravi, an attendant, has a falls in love with Gowri, daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

MUNGARU MALE 2
Preetham, son of Suryakanth, a millionaire, easily gets bored when it comes to relationships. He understands love after he meets Nandini.
- Cast: Ganesh, Neha Shetty, V. Ravichandran

BHUJANGA
A person starts stealing to feed his family but things change when he falls in love with Rachana, a young college student, whom he comes across while stealing.
- Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Meghana Raj

EAZHAIYIN SIRIPPIL
Kousalya falls for Ganesan, a bus driver. However, she is shocked when a woman with special needs accuses Ganesan of destroying her life.
- Cast: Prabhu Deva, Kausalya, Suvaluxmi, Nassar, Vivekh

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW MUCH OF WHAT YOU SEE IS A HALLUCINATION? BY ELIZABETH COX
Charles Bonnet Syndrome can cause blind patients to hallucinate scenes in vivid colour. Other hallucinations also involve the same brain areas as real sensory experiences. What's going on? Elizabeth Cox details the science of hallucinations.

2 THE "END OF HISTORY" ILLUSION BY BENCE NANAY
We're unable to predict change in ourselves. But is there anything wrong with assuming that who we are now is who we will continue to be? Bence Nanay details the consequences of seeing ourselves as finished products.

3 WHY DON'T POISONOUS ANIMALS POISON THEMSELVES? BY REBECCA D. TARVIN
Thousands of animal species use toxic chemicals to defend themselves from predators. But how do these animals survive their own poisons? Rebecca D. Tarvin details the strategies that protect animals from themselves.

4 HOW SYMBOLS AND BRANDS SHAPE OUR HUMANITY BY DEBBIE MILLMAN
Designer and podcaster Debbie Millman traces the evolution of branding, from cave paintings to flags to beer labels and beyond. She explores the power of symbols to unite people, and explains how branding reflects the state of humanity.

5 LET'S CLEAN UP THE SPACE JUNK ORBITING EARTH BY NATALIE PANEK
Natalie Panek challenges us to consider the environmental impact of the satellites we rely on. Our orbital environment is breathtakingly beautiful and our gateway to exploration, she says. It's up to us to keep it that way.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)
The movie revolves around Simon, representative of a pharmaceutical company from France and Asgar, local auto driver from Shivajinagar, who share a two-day long journey in Bengaluru. That twisted journey with a comedy of errors changes the way they look at life.
- Cast: Danish Sait, Sal Yusuf
- Watch On: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)
Tarun, a resort owner, faces severe losses in his business venture and struggles to keep his resort intact. However, his life takes a drastic turn when Tanya enters the resort as a guest.
- Cast: Pooja Devariya, Diganth, Shreya Anchan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

SPIRIT (Malayalam)
Raghunandan creates problems for himself by becoming an alcoholic. When he meets Mani, a bigger drunkard than him, he begins to think about the adversities of drinking.
- Cast: Mohanlal, Thilakan, Kanika, Shankar Ramakrishnan
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

AAMIR (Hindi)
While on a visit to India to meet his family, NRI doctor Aamir is set up by terrorists to plant a bomb. His refusal to comply would mean the death of his family, which is being held captive.
- Cast: Rajeev Khandelwal, Gajraj Rao, Vasan Bala
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

BROCHEVAREVARURA (Telugu)
Three students, who fail their exams and waste their time, befriend Mitra in their college. They devise a plan to help her but it leads to various problems.
- Cast: Sree Vishnu, Nivetha Thomas, Satyadev Kancharana, Nivetha Pethuraj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VEERE DI WEDDING (Hindi)
Kalindi's friends Avni, Sakshi and Meera come to meet her after they learn about her wedding with her boyfriend, Rishabh. Sakshi takes her girls to Thailand and they rediscover themselves.
- Cast: Sonam K Ahuja, Kareena Kapoor, Swara Bhaskar, Shikha Talsania
- Watch on: Zee5
- Registration: ₹ 99 per month

MEHENDI CIRCUS (Tamil)
A music shop owner falls in love with a girl from a circus troupe that visits his village, but caste and class stand in the way.
- Cast: Shweta Tripathi, Madhampatty Rangaraj, Vela Ramamoorthy, RJ Vigneshkanth
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

KILLING EVE: SEASON 3 (English, series)
The series continues the story of two women with brutal pasts, addicted to each other but now trying desparately to live their lives without their drug of choice.
- Cast: Sandra Oh, Jodie Comer, Fiona Shaw, Kim Bodnia
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

OUR CHILDREN (French: À perdre la raison)
A doctor brings a boy to Belgium and raises him as his own. When the boy reaches adulthood, he gets married and starts his own family – but he still relies on the doctor. When trouble strikes his family, the dependence turns into domination.
- Cast: Émilie Dequenne, Tahar Rahim, Niels Arestrup
- Watch on: Mubi • Registration: ₹ 499 per month

LUCIFER: SEASON 5 (English, series)
After spending an eternity in hell, Lucifer returns to the land of the living – but there's something a little different about this handsome devil.
- Cast: Tom Ellis, Lauren German, Kevin Alejandro
- Watch on: Netflix • Registration: ₹ 199 per month

THE TREE HOUSE (Vietnamese: Nhà cây)
Several decades in the future, an astronaut on Mars contacts his father on Earth and ask him about how things were in the past, in Vietnam. Several of the Vietnamese ethnic minorities, Ruc, Kor and Hmong are explored.
- Watch on: Mubi
- Registration: ₹ 499 per month

New friends

Unlike many others, Sreeleela has not found the lockdown to be boring. No, the actor didn't head out and instead followed all social distancing norms at home. She added three new members to her family – three adorable pups. As any other excited new pet parent, she did a photoshoot with them. She said, "I gave them my spotlight. No no they stole it". While the labrador puppies are a recent addition, a beagle has been there with her for one-and-a-half months.

Good ol' times

You don't have to wait for Thurdays to post throwback pictures. Actor Malashree Ramu tweeted an old picture of herself with her sister Subhashri, who is also an actor, wherein both are seen wearing funny hats. It's never too late to rejoice the fun old times.

MOVING AND GROOVING

City-based singer's latest song will give you good reasons to opt for public transport

• Monika Monalisa

Less traffic on road, less congested roads and clearer air, residents are surely enjoying the old Bengaluru feel these days. Some might assume that is temporary, till things go back to 'normal' once the Covid situation is under control. But city-based singer Kenishaa Francis thinks the solution is easy, so much so that she decided to spell, nay, sing, it out for people. Francis' new music single *Sarvajanika Sarige*, which is in collaboration with rapper Gubbi, throws light on how most issues in the city would be resolved if people started preferring public transport over private vehicles.

The song opens with two people being rejected by multiple cab drivers, ultimately opting for a public bus. "We talk about city's traffic issues and the pollution levels going up, but the solution has been lying with the choices we make. We have a really efficient public transport system," says Francis, whose parents encouraged her to use public transport right from her school days.

The single is also her first musical venture after she returned to India in February 2020, after completing her course at Musician Institute Hollywood, where she was studying music. The song holds a special place in her heart because it is her first attempt in singing in Kannada, although the lyrics have a good mix of Kannada and English. "Kannada is such a soothing language. While many might think I cannot speak the language, I always converse in the language with local vendors," laughs Francis, who has also has completed 8th grade vocals at London School of Music. But despite a love for the language of the land, the 20-something musician was hesitant to sing in Kannada. "I didn't want to do any injustice to the language or use any wrong pronunciation. When I mustered the courage, I thought I should dedicate the song to a cause," says Francis. Collaborating with Gubbi, who is often credited with bringing the Kannada rap scene under spotlight, made the whole process easy for her. "He is a sweetheart and so down to earth that it was easy to work with him," she adds.

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Gubbi, on the other hand, enjoyed walking on the streets of Bengaluru for the shoot. "The song is to encourage people to use public transport once things are better. Thanks to less traffic, it was wonderful to shoot on the empty streets of the city," he says.

(From left): Kenishaa Francis, Matangi Prasan, Gubbi

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM

A purple-rumped sunbird returns to its nest to feed its hungry chicks in Mysuru • Udayshankar S

Train of new thought

• Express Features

Growing up, media man **Anil Srivatsa** watched his mother, Chaya Srivatsa, champion the cause of human rights. "A lot of that resonated with me by osmosis over the years and stayed with me as I traversed my career. Her starting an NGO for empowering women immediately after a professional setback got me more interested in the rapid socio-economic revolution of women in India," he says. This was one of the influences that led to starting Sochcast, a podcast content creation company that is an attempt to archive the thoughts, knowledge and experiences of women. It is now live on Sochcast.com and will soon roll out its Android and iOS apps.

The idea, he says, is to penetrate and break down social walls that have grown around India's women by giving them a space to voice their thoughts on the internet. "We have over 18,000 minutes of original content in the library. However, we plan to release this content slowly as we fine-tune the listener experience and technology. It's original content created by Indians for Indians," Srivatsa, the CEO and creator of Sochcast. The content range includes humour, personal story telling, inspiration, lifestyle, classical music, reflections on life, spiritual ruminations and interviews with daily heroes. It will be a combination of in-house productions and user-generated content. "Anything a woman wants to speak about in any language to be heard via this medium qualifies to be carried. We are not about curation alone but also about enabling the voice of women to join the mainstream national discourse on issues that matter to them," he says.

Srivatsa prefers using the term sochcast rather than podcast because the latter has "no meaning". "Podcasting is an imported term with no meaning while we are calling it what it should be – thoughts (soch in Hindi) spoken for broadcast," Srivatsa says, adding, "When podcasting was taking off in India, the same mistake was happening as was in the dot.com era where techies were creating media delivery platforms and dabbling with content which they had no clue about, resulting in the busting of many."

Sochcast, he says, is timing the market with the launch of this content company and platform to give voice to the Indian woman. "This is with a belief that a nation is only as strong as the decibel level of its women's voice. We are energised by the call for Make in India and hope to contribute to 'Vocal for Local' resolve," he says.

Like any new business, timely funding is a challenge they are facing. "However, we already have revenue contracts in hand valued at about $4,00,000. We are actively seeking funding for this venture, as so far the product has been bootstrapped," he says.

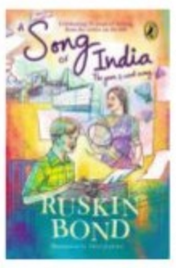
TURNING PAGES

'I bombarded the magazine with everything I wrote'

I could not afford to buy books, but one of the older bookshops had a lending library made up of old and shopworn stock, and for two rupees a month I could borrow as many books as I liked. In this way, I got through a lot of popular fiction—P.G. Wodehouse, Agatha Christie, Dornford Yates (forgotten now), W. Somerset Maugham, Daphne du Maurier, James Hilton, Henry De Vere Stacpoole and other bestselling authors of the period. I was already well grounded in the classics, thanks to my school library, and at home I had the books I'd won as school prizes—the complete works of Shakespeare, a biography of Dickens, several volumes of Stevenson, Boswell's The Life of Samuel Johnson and Wuthering Heights (a favourite of mine).

Sometimes, my stepfather would also give me a rupee or two, but I was anxious to supplement my income on my own, and the only way I could do this was by putting my literary talents to practical use.

There was an old typewriter lying unused in my stepfather's showroom, so I brought it home and began writing very short stories and literary sketches. I preferred writing by hand, but in those days you had to submit typescripts to editors or your work would not be considered.



Well, I would send my stories and skits to magazines and newspapers all over the country, and they would keep coming back with polite little rejection slips. Then, finally, a little magazine in Madras (now Chennai), called My Magazine of India, accepted one of them and paid me by money order the princely sum of five rupees! After that, I bombarded the magazine with everything I wrote, and, to my delight, the five-rupee money orders kept coming in. I could watch more films, even buy the occasional magazine like The Strand with its short stories or Picturegoer with its news of the latest films, both of which were published in England.

My constant companion in those early days was Bhim, the son of the local eye surgeon. He was a couple of years younger than me, and he wanted to improve his English. Someone told him, 'If you stick with that angrez, Bond, you will be sure to improve your English!' He was a smart boy, and he took this advice.

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CITY READ

Hospital opens new centre in the city

BRAINS has opened up its new centre on Richmond Road. The centre also provides special services for stroke (brain attack), tumours, brain and spine injuries.

TOPPERS

SSM Public School-Banashankari-Sslc Toppers

Sharadhi V **97.76%**

Sumukh Kashyap **97.92%**

Dharshitha V **96.32%**

Akshay Simha **97.12%**

C H Likhitha Sai **96.16%**

Sinchana K **96.32%**

Adith Prajwal K **95.52%**

Anuka Kirana **96.0%**

Akshara S Arshi **94.56%**

Pavan C **95.04%**

Bhargav k r **94.56%**

Return of the Indian Pandemic League 2020

If you have never believed in the phrase, 'Where there's a will, there's a way', you need to look at the history of the Indian Premier League. For the last 12 years, BCCI has cashed in on the tectonic changes in world cricket by organising a yearly extravaganza that gives people cricket fever. The symptoms of this fever are a tendency to remain glued to the screen, and a distinct lack of taste (of the artistic kind!).

For the last 12 years, films, TV shows and every other form of entertainment took a break to accommodate the nation's obsession with the game. When the second season of the IPL was doubtful due to General Elections being conducted, the tournament was shifted to South Africa in a matter of weeks. As the world is enduring a global recession, the BCCI is all set to bring back a sense of normalcy by going ahead with the tournament from Sept. 19.

This year's tournament is radically different from all the earlier editions. It will be conducted in UAE in empty stadiums. There will be no screaming fans in the audience. The entire tournament will be conducted in a 'bio-bubble' (BCCI's words, not mine!) that will keep the players safe from any sort of risk of catching the virus.

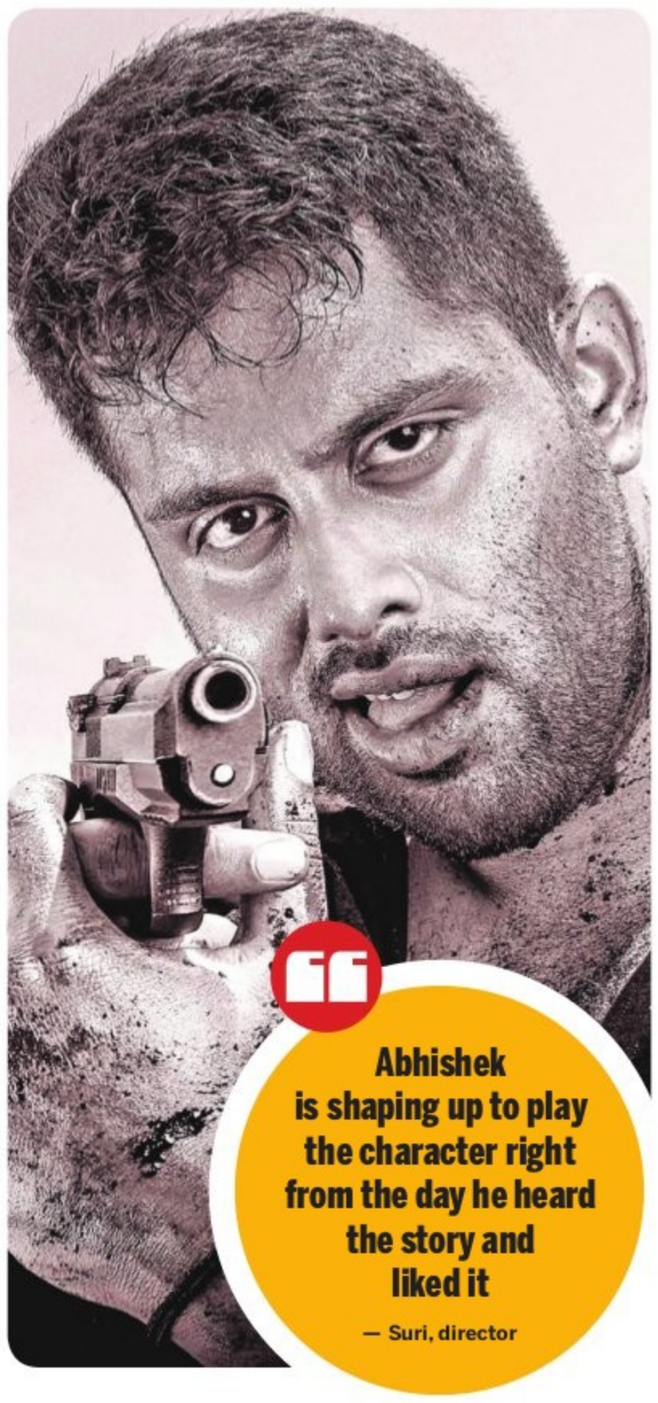
One assumes there will be regulations on how players conduct themselves on the field. Players will be expected not to hug, high-five and smother each other at the fall of a wicket. Proponents of reverse swing who apply saliva to the ball to make one side shine will be penalised. The batting team will be awarded five runs, and the fielding side a bottle of sanitiser. Players like Virat Kohli might opt for a mask while fielding, so that when he chooses to refer to opponents as 'Ben Stokes', his face is hidden.

Fielding positions will also witness a major change. Even the sharpest of fielders will request to be sent to Third Man and Fine Leg to maintain social distancing from the batsmen. Fielding at positions like Silly Point, Silly Mid-off and Silly Mid-on in such times would be rather silly. A prudent fielder would rather keep himself safe at Cover and Extra Cover.

Cheerleaders – who have added much colour and controversy to the tournament – will take up additional responsibility as 'fearleaders' to ensure the players' safety. When a wicket falls, they will remind the players to sanitise their hands and maintain a safe distance from each other. Umpires will probably turn in PPE kits, as they are mostly older gentlemen who fall under the high-risk category. Commentators will opt for the work-from-home option, choosing to comment on the proceedings on the Zoom app. Superfans who paint themselves in team colours like yellow and blue will opt for virtual backgrounds.

It will be a tournament unlike any of the earlier seasons. But in other ways, it will be like every other tournament. Teams will battle it out among each other, and fans will sling abuses at each other on Twitter.

That's the thing about cricket in India. I might criticise the league, but in four weeks, you will find me glued to the screen, salivating. It is hard to imagine the matches being played without thousands of fans roaring and cheering their teams to victory. But one needs to adapt with changing times. As the old adage goes – time, tide, and virus wait for none.



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— Suri, director

Suri to go on floors with *Bad Manners* in October

The film, starring Abhishek Ambareesh, will begin with action block sequences

• CE Features

The shooting for director Suri's upcoming film, *Bad Manners*, starring Abhishek Ambareesh, will begin by the end of September or the first week of October. Suri confirmed that the filming will begin with action sequences. The team is currently finalising on the locations and is zeroing on the stunt director. "This is not going to be regular action for the actor, " says Suri, adding, "Abhishek is shaping up to play the character right from the day he heard the story and liked it." Meanwhile, the team is working on the rest of the cast and talks are on with various actors. The first look of *Bad Manners* was released on May 29 on Ambareesh's birth anniversary, and created quite the buzz. However, not much details have been revealed about the plot, except that it is an action drama. The film produced by Sudeer KM has Surendra Nath and Amri joining the director on the story and screenplay with Charan Raj scoring the music. Shekar S (DFD) will work as the cinematographer for the film that will have Deepu S Kumar as the editor. *Bad Manners* will have Rajakrishnan handle sound engineering and Suresh Bhaganavar in charge of the art department. This film will be Abhishek's second project after *Amar*.

Director Suri

DEBUTANT DIRECTOR PUNEETH DECODES 400-YEAR-OLD HISTORY FOR YUVA RAJKUMAR'S LAUNCH

A police constable from Ballari, who is a fan of Dr Rajkumar, had given the idea for this historical subject, which is currently being developed by the director

• A Sharadhaa

Puneeth, who has previously worked as an associte with Prashanth Neel in *KGF Chapter 1*, will be directing Yuva Rajkumar's launch vehicle. The debutant director is currently working on the script, and getting ready to face the challenge of bringing on screen a story which, he says, has never been told before. Puneeth has decided on a subject dated 400 years ago, and according to the writer-director, it has not been documented in history. Explaining how he went about conceptualising the story, Puneeth says, "It was a police constable from Ballari, a fan of Annavru (Dr. Rajkumar), who gave the lead to this historical subject, which is currently being developed."

The director, who is in the final stages of writing the screenplay, adds, "I along with my team recently visited Ballari, near the banks of Tungabhadra, where we had a look at the monuments and remains of a fort, which is not protected by the government. We even discussed it with the people living in the surrounding area, who gave us a brief about the history and the importance of the place, and that's something which is getting decoded now."

Coming up with a subject from that period is challenging, says Puneeth, adding that the film will be half real, and half fiction. "Though the story will be based on true incidents, the narrative will bring in a cinematic presence," he says.

The team is looking at launching the film only after theatres reopen. "We are looking at a grand muhurath, and we want to release the launch video on the big screen, and it will only happen when theatres reopen," says Puneeth.

Meanwhile, Yuva Rajkumar, the son of Raghavendra Rajkumar, who is making his debut, is doing all the homework from his end, and getting ready to face the camera. He is in constant touch with the director and the team to discuss the storyboard.

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Aditi Rao Hydari

Apurva Kasaravalli offers lead role to Aditi Rao Hydari in his debut Bollywood directorial

The period Hindi drama titled *Winter Bridge* is a love story set against the backdrop of the Indo-China war, and marks the debut of Kannada actor Aryann Santosh; the director has initiated talks with Aditi Rao Hydari to cast her as the heroine

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Apurva Kasavaralli, the son of acclaimed director Girish Kasavaralli, has got his ticket to Bollywood. His first stint at direction was *Niruttara*, starring Rahul Bose, Bhavana, Kiran Srinivas and Aindrita Ray and the writer, actor and director will now be helming his first Hindi film, which also marks the debut of Kannada actor Aryann Santosh in Hindi movies. Titled *Winter Bridge,* the period drama is set against the backdrop of the Indo-China war in 1962, and will be a subject that deals with the themes of family, brotherhood, love and war.

The director is now trying to bring on board south Indian and Bollywood heroine Aditi Rao Hydari, and has initiated talks with her. "The character has been sketched for the female lead, and I feel she fits perfectly. We are still in the first round of our discussion, and we will be narrating the story to her soon," Apurva says, sharing a first-look poster from the film, featuring Aryann Santosh. The pre-launch motion poster of *Winter Bridge* will be unveiled on Aug. 28 at 6 pm on the YouTube channel of Winterbridge Studios. Shooting will commence in December or January in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and surrounding places. "The war took place in areas like Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh, and we are recreating the sequences of the Indo-China border at locations we will be finalising in Himachal Pradesh," says Apurva.

The story is about Vishnu, a postman married to Radha, and the untoward incidents that take place in his life after he takes charge of the post office in Pura village in the foothills of the Himalayas. He takes letters to and from the army base nearby, and the film shows the consequences faced by Vishnu after China declares war on India in 1962," reveals Apurva, who is also initiating talks with other actors across regions to play different characters.

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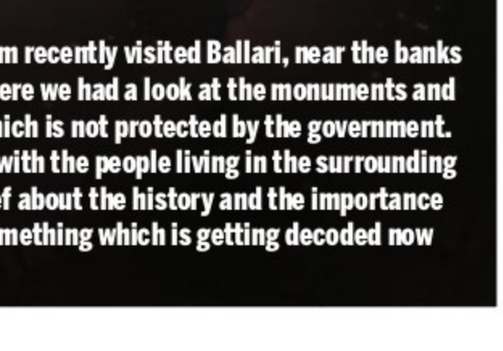

Aryann Santosh

Emraan Hashmi to headline a comedy

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Imraan Hashmi is all set to star in a new comedy, titled *Sab First Class*. The film revolves around the aspirations and dreams of the common man.

"It is a hilarious yet sensitive story about the common man, and how he can go to any length to fulfil his needs. In the bargain, he stands to lose his family, his face in society and gets caught in a situation he cannot find his way out of," said Emraan.

'We did not treat mental health lightly'

... says Abhishek Bachchan who chats about his digital debut *Breathe: Into The Shadows* and the journey ahead

• Shilajit Mitra

Abhishek Bachchan is back in the groove. Having fully recovered from COVID-19, the actor is game to chat about his recent digital debut, *Breathe: Into The Shadows*. The psychological-thriller series had premiered on Amazon Prime Video on July 10, just two days before the actor was admitted to the Nanavati Hospital in Mumbai, along with his father Amitabh Bachchan (they were both discharged separately earlier this month).

Abhishek says he was following the reactions to the show in the meantime. While the reviews were scathing (to put it mildly), the audience response has been 'overwhelming', the actor shares. "It was difficult to understand or fathom the extent of the praise as we are accustomed to box-office collections to gauge the success of our films. But here, you don't have that, so I guess you have to go by what you hear and read on social media or in the papers. In all humility, I can't remember the last time I received this kind of positive response," he says.

Reprising season one's concept, *Breathe: Into The Shadows* follows a desperate father out to save his child. Avinash Sabharwal (Abhishek) is a well-to-do psychiatrist in Delhi. At a party, his six-year-old daughter, Siya, is kidnapped. The kidnapper, in a chequered hoodie and mask, demands Avinash conduct a chain of murders to rescue his kid. After some reluctance, the doc agrees, and is joined in his quest by his wife (Nithya Menen). The cast also features Amit Sadh (returning as Kabir Sawant from Breathe 1) and Saiyami Kher.

Of course, that summary only scratches the surface. In keeping with director Mayank Sharma's style, the series is packed with crazy twists and turns. The main reveal, when it comes, is enough to knock over a building. More than a few critics dismissed the plotting as 'preposterous'.

Abhishek, however, stands by it. "The plot grabbed my attention on my first-ever meeting with Mayank," he says. "It really intrigued me. It was just what I was looking for — a layered, complex story with wonderful characters and graph."

Like many recent web-shows, *Breathe* makes several allusions to Indian mythology. The villain bases his philosophy on the 'ten heads of Ravana' — each representative of a primal emotion in human nature. "The reference to *Raavan* nicely conveyed Mayank's vision for the characters," says Abhishek, who had played a version of the mythic anti-hero in Mani Ratnam's *Raavan* (2010).

Likewise, the topic of mental health turns up as a plot device here. It's a notable trend among crime thrillers that seek narrative shock via childhood traumas. In the process, they often end up stigmatising mental illness, or worse, creating stereotypes.

Asked about this, Abhishek maintains that content creators are 'aware of sensitivities' and do not intend to demean anyone. "I personally would not like to take such topics and treat them lightly. We paid great attention to this in *Breathe: Into The Shadows*," he says.

Having made the jump, Abhishek is thrilled to explore the digital landscape further. His upcoming film, The Big Bull, is set to premiere on Disney+ Hotstar. Directed by Kookie Gulati, the film revisits stockbroker Harshad Mehta's involvement in the 1992 securities scam. Abhishek will also be seen in Ludo, Anurag Basu's ensemble comedy set to arrive on Netflix.

"I'm enjoying this phase greatly," he says. "There is a certain freedom, and a great sense of confidence in my capabilities. Not to say that I don't need to work hard... quite the opposite. I want to work even harder and am not complacent about my work."

The actor is guarded about a follow-up to *Breathe*. The new series ended on a cliff-hanger, with the code 'C-16' leaving fans guessing. "You'll have to wait and watch," he teases, signing off.

Abhishek Bachchan